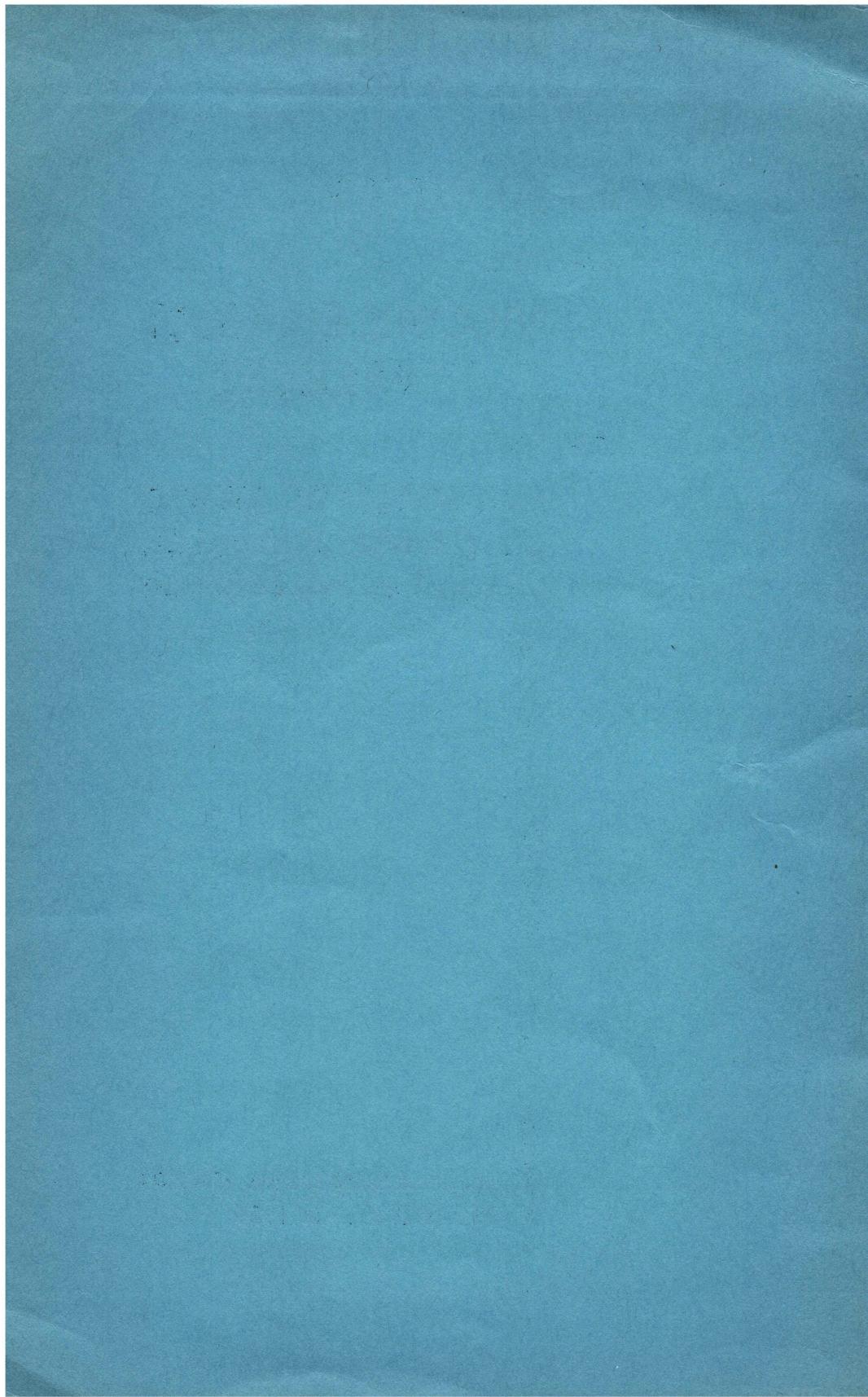


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51st ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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ATLANTIC DISTRICT
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(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
The First Evangelical Church, Scranton, Pa.
Rev. Louis C. F. Miller, Pastor
May 11 to 14, 1936
Conferenc Motto: "From Vision to Action"
Conference Theme: "A Greater Vision of Our Christian Duties and
More Intensive Action"

The 51st annual Conference of the Atlantic District began its sessions with a worship service in the First Evangelical Church, Scranton, Pa. The Rev. Louis C. F. Miller, president of the District, is pastor of the host church. The altar service was in charge of the Rev. Chas. Enders, Chairman of the District Kingdom Service. The members of the Conference were welcomed to the fellowship of the hosts by Mr. Oscar Kraft, chairman of the local Committee on Arrangements. The Hon. Stanley A. Davis, Mayor of the City of Scranton, welcomed the guests on behalf of the "City Fathers." The Rev. H. M. Strub, Vice-President of the District, responded on behalf of the Conference.

The worship service was beautified by the singing of the junior and senior choirs of the host church.

The Rev. J. P. Meyer, St. Louis, Mo., Director of the Kingdom Service, preached the sermon. His text was taken from the Gospel of John 1: 4, 10, 10 and 15. The whole sermon was woven about the great thought, "The Search or Quest for Life."

The speaker pointed to some of the great truths about life as these were taught and lived by Jesus. To Jesus life was the highest value of all. There is nothing that can be given in exchange for it. The whole world is not worth as much as a single human soul.

It was further pointed out that a survey or investigation will reveal to us that on all sides life seems to be disturbed. There is nothing but unrest and turmoil. Everywhere there is an endless seeking.

Wherever we go we hear the question, "What is life?" The speaker endeavored to answer this question in the following way:

- I. Some one has said it is a vapor.
- II. Some have defined life as motion.

III. Paul said, "Ye are hid in God." In God then we find the answer to all our seeking. Our life must have unity with God.

Life is vital. Since it is vital it instinctively seeks expression. Naturally the church offers the medium through which our life can best express itself. We cannot look upon our local church as sufficient for our self-expression, but through the local church we may get our reach into the world. The vision of God's kingdom is world-wide.

In two very striking stories the speaker drove home the truth, that we by our support help to change the lives of others who by name are unknown to us. He closed with a challenge, that we share our life; that we lay it down that we might take it again. Our gifts are part of our life, for into them has gone the energy of our life.

On Tuesday morning the session was opened with the celebration of Holy Communion. This was a very unique service because three of the celebrants were former pastors of the host church and the fourth is the present pastor. The Rev. Paul Briesemeister, Schenectady, N. Y., read the service. The pastors emeriti, Richard Jungfer, Sr., Newark, N. J., Jacob Schoettle, Newark, N. J., and the Rev. Louis C. F. Miller, President of the Atlantic District assisted.

The Rev. E. J. F. Detlbarn, Baltimore, Md., was elected Moderator and Mr. T. William Marshall, Baltimore, Md., Vice-Moderator.

After the preliminaries of opening the conference, the Rev. J. P. Meyer, Director of the Kingdom Service, was introduced to the conference. The Rev. Mr. Meyer brought greetings from the various districts previously visited. In a masterful and convincing way he presented the cause of the Kingdom Service to the members of the Atlantic District.

The Rev. Paul Gabler, Baltimore, Md., led the closing devotion. His text was Eph. 5: 27, the subject: "The Congregation, Her Character and Goal."

In the afternoon the conference celebrated "Burschel Day" in honor of the oldest member of the host church, Mr. H. H. Burschel, who celebrated his 80th birthday April 22. Mr. Burschel has attended the conferences of the Atlantic District for the past forty-five years. The outing planned for this day brought much of value to all who were privileged to participate. Scranton is located in the very heart of the anthracite coal field. The guests were taken through the streets of the closely clustered boroughs of the anthracite valley northward from Scranton. The Hudson Coal Company made possible the visit to one of its most modern collieries, also the visit to mining operations of the company.

The evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mirtz in Clarks Summit one of the beautiful country-sides of this section. Mr. H. H. Burschel had arranged a fine banquet for the guests of the conference. The program prepared was in charge of Mr. Christian Martin of Albany, N. Y. Many fine tributes were paid the man, who has so long and faithfully served his local congregation and the district, Mr. H. H. Burschel.

The Rev. Harry G. Yaggi, Frostburg, Md., led the devotions on Wednesday morning. He spoke on the subject, "Holding Office in the Congregation." Text, 1 Peter 5: 1-4.

The following report was presented by the laymen of the conference.

Laymen's Report

Scranton, Pa., May 13, 1936.

The meeting of the Lay Delegates was called to order by Mr. Christ Martin. Mr. Martin was elected chairman, Mr. Rudolph Fleck secretary.

A motion carried that each delegate present pay \$1.00 toward gifts for the ladies who entertained the conference.

It was voted to excuse the following churches from attendance on the conference: Morrell Park, Baltimore; Martins, Annapolis, Md., and Zions of Taberton, N. Y.

A motion carried that the following churches be excused from attendance and traveling expenses, Messiah, Woodlawn, Baltimore, and St. John's, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

It was voted not to excuse the St. Paul's Church, Bayonne, N. J., from attendance and traveling expenses.

Mr. W. Leber, the local representative, spoke a few words of welcome. He also extended an invitation to the guests to attend the 50th anniversary of the First Evangelical Church this fall.

Various delegates expressed themselves on the question of raising monies for the church through questionable means. It was voted to

Mr. H. W. Schultheis addressed the meeting on the raising of the budget. A lively discussion followed.

The traveling expenses of the delegates amounted to \$464.15, making the equalization \$11.90 per delegate. It was voted to raise this to \$12.00. 39 churches shared in this equalization.

A motion carried to give Mr. Adam Friedrich a rising vote of thanks for his long and faithful service accorded the Atlantic District.

The following resolution was passed an ordered spread on the minutes of the conference,

Resolved that the Conference express to Messrs. Henry Burschel, John C. Mehrbach and Adam Friedrich its appreciation of the long years of faithful service in the work of the District, beginning with the organization of the District.

The Rev. R. W. Junger, Sr., appealed to the delegates that they be instrumental in placing fire and storm insurance with our Synodical Fire Insurance Society.

Mr. Henry Schultheis explained the merging of the Evangelical and Reformed Brotherhoods to take place at the next National Convention to be held in Buffalo in August.

Contributions to be raised from the local Brotherhoods to cover \$150.00 quota is to be raised by Mr. Schultheis for the Brotherhood treasury.

Various delegates expressed themselves on the question of raising

monies for the church through questionable means. It was voted to discourage these methods.

Mrs. S. Lefton was given time to tell the delegates how their pastor and congregation had the pleasure of taking in 100 new members in one year.

Rudolph J. C. Fleck, Secretary.

This report was received and ordered written into the minutes of the Conference.

The proposed constitution was explained by Mr. W. H. Schultheis, District Counsellor.

The Rev. Edw. Fuhrmann, Sr., conducted a very impressive memorial service for the departed members of the church.

It was our privilege to hear a very fine address by Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr, D.D., of Union Theological Seminary, New York, City. He spoke on the subject, "The Personal and Social Elements in Christianity."

The Rev. John C. Heater closed the afternoon session with an inspiring devotion. His subject, "Church Government." The text, Acts 15:5-7a

The last worship service of the conference was a Missionary Service. The Rev. G. Siegenthaler led the worship. The whole program was carefully planned and carried out. The singing of appropriate anthems and a solo added much to this fine service. The Rev. M. P. Davis preached the sermon. He used as his text the words of Jesus, "The poor shall have the gospel preached unto them." He illustrated how this word of the Master today is being fulfilled in India.

On Thursday morning the session was opened with a devotional service in charge of the Rev. John R. Gulick, pastor of the Second Reformed Church, Scranton, Pa. He spoke on, "The Church and the Churches, Variety and Unity." Rev. 1:19-20.

Committee Reports

Committee No. 1. District Officers

1. The District is pleased with the report of the District President and the ringing challenge it contains. We agree that the crux of the problem is defining Christianity and its task.

2. The District gives the Kingdom Service Committee and its Director, the Rev. J. P. Meyer, a vote of confidence. We pledge our love and loyalty to his leadership, and our faithful cooperation in this Synod-wide Kingdom Service program. We hereby promise to do our very best.

3. The District recommends the encouragement of all men's organizations to affiliate with the Churchmen's Brotherhood of our united Church. The holding of a Men's Congress in every region and the stressing of the National Convention at Buffalo, August 18-20, 1936.

4. The District extends congratulations to those churches, individuals and organizations that have celebrated anniversaries.

5. To the bereaved families of pastors and laymen of the District we tender our heartfelt sympathy.
6. We commend those churches who cooperated in Flood Relief and thank them for their demonstration of brotherly aid.
7. We desire to record our confidence in and our appreciation of the work done by our District Officers and District Council, and recommend that the president and secretary be given the customary gratuity of \$100.00.
8. We are grateful to the First Evangelical Church of Scranton for the hospitality shown us, and vote the sexton a gift of \$10.00.
9. We are grateful to the churches who have paid their Synodical budget in full and to those who met the quota they accepted. With respect to the delinquent churches we believe that, despite the hard times more can be done for the Kingdom than has been done.
10. The books of the District Treasurer were examined and have been found correct.
11. We commend the efforts of the Committee of Religious Education under the able leadership of its chairman.
12. We are pleased that a Pastors' Institute is planned for July 7-8 at Dunkirk. It is the wish of the conference that our church schools make the attendance of the pastors possible. The District directs its Committee of Religious Education to solicit this support.
13. The District re-emphasizes the value of the Pension Fund and reminds the synodical pastors of their duty to become members.
14. Recognizing the value of Dunkirk, the District shall appropriate \$50.00 from its treasury for this religious educational venture of the Church.
15. We deeply regret the loss to our District of Paul L. Schmidt and F. C. Rueggeberg, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, and Ex-President of the District respectively.
16. The District welcomes the older members of the Church, who have so graciously passed the torch into younger hands. Rev. Paul E. Zeller is now retired and ill, therefore we must instruct the secretary to send him a letter of our love and loyalty.
17. The District commends the Home Mission Committee for its supervisory work and recognizes the faithful services of the Home Mission Workers. The District suggests to the Home Mission Committee that information other than statistical be reported to the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Briesemeister
E. J. Paetzold
S. Lefton
R. W. Jungfer, Jr.
W. E. Bourquin
Lillian Baer
H. Dunkhorst

Committee No. 2. Synodical Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. In answer to the ringing challenge of our worthy President, F. C. Klick, we pledge ourselves anew to a whole-hearted consecration to the cause for which we stand.

2. To the Rev. H. L. Streich, who unstintingly gave of his time and energy to the Larger Kingdom Service, we express our sincerest gratitude and ask for the present Director of this work, the Rev. J. P. Meyer, God's richest blessings and the support of the whole Church.

3a. We rejoice that the receipts for our synodical budget were greater by \$28,770.80 in 1935 than the previous year and encourage all members of the church to put forth even greater efforts to raise the amount needed for the budget in this year.

3b. Especially do we urge all churches of the Atlantic District to send in the budget contributions monthly.

4. We are happy to note the extended Field Work of our students at Eden Seminary, which will contribute in no little measure to their success in the active ministry.

HOME MISSIONS

5. We concur with the policy of the Board which recognizes all modern problems and possibilities without, however, sacrificing the Evangelical character of our work.

EXTENSION FUND BOARD

6. We appreciate the tremendous possibilities of an enlarged service and beg the Board to continue casting about for further extension of their work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

7. We thank the Board and workers for their unwavering loyalty to the Evangelical basis of the Christian message.

We agree with them on the advisability of furthering indigenous churches in all mission lands.

We are happy with our Board that it has been possible to carry on the work in all fields in spite of financial difficulties, and with our missionaries about the advance which has been evidenced by the statistics submitted.

BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

8. We appreciate the efficient business management of Eden Publishing House, but note with regret the continuous falling off of our Sunday school publications.

BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10. We pledge our loyal support to the success of the United Youth Conference scheduled for June, 1937, with its challenging program.

11. We rejoice over the increasing growth of all Dunkirk projects and trust that many of our pastors can take advantage of the two free "Big Days"—July 7-8, which the Board is preparing.

PENSION AND RELIEF

11. We hope that the Eden Publishing House will so arrange its business that the promised annual contribution to the Pension Fund may be paid.

ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUNDS

12. We realize the extreme difficulties with which the Board has been combating, and with them look forward to better days.

BROTHERHOOD, WOMEN'S UNION AND EVANGELICAL LEAGUE

13. We commend the forward look of our good Federations.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

14. The Atlantic District recommends that the work begun and pursued by the Historical Commission of the Evangelical Synod be continued and adequately provided for by the united Church.

ELMHURST COLLEGE

15. The District gives its hearty endorsement to the aim which President Lehmann states for Elmhurst College. With such a standing Elmhurst should have the whole-hearted support of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Manfred Manrodt
Theo. F. Fischer
C. T. Schaefer
W. Kochheim
Lolly Wilma Gillman
Mrs. W. Wolf
Mrs. E. Coyle
Geo. Gehron
T. W. Marshall
Winfield S. Jones

The following resolution was offered from the floor.

The District approves the report of the Commission of Christianity and Social Problems and moves to establish a functioning committee in the Atlantic District.

Report of the Special Resolutions Committee

In order that the splendid spirit of unity which was engendered by the inauguration of the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church may not languish and

In order that the two branches of the church may not become oppressed with a false sense of the importance of superficial differences in their respective modes of operation

Therefore, the Atlantic District urges that the responsible persons in both branches of the church now charged with the task of bringing the merger to actual consummation and with the duty of integrating the work of the corresponding denominational boards, bend every effort to authorize and actually establish the work of the united Church on a united basis.

It is the conviction of the Atlantic District that a prolonged dual organization is both contrary to the spirit of the merger as well as detrimental to the effective conduct of the work of the Church of Jesus Christ.

II.

Whereas, a large portion of the rank and file of our people have greatly missed in the *Messenger* the interesting and helpful stories which they formerly enjoyed in the *Evangelical Herald*, and

Whereas, it is a well known fact that the right kind of stories carry a strong educational influence in addition to the entertainment they afford the general reader, and

Whereas, a large number of our church constituency are more interested in concrete portrayal of human life and its possibilities than in the abstract presentation of religious truth and denominational information, therefore

Be it resolved that this District Conference go on record as recommending that the *Messenger* give regular space to such stories (short or serial) as will help effectively to promote adult religious education, and

Be it further resolved that much space for this purpose could be gained by omitting unimportant, parochial news items which have interest only for a limited local constituency.

III.

Whereas, the District Counsellor must give much time in giving legal aid to the District Council and whereas, he frequently is called on by pastors and congregations to give legal advice in church matters

Therefore, be it resolved that the Atlantic District grant its counsellor a gratuity of \$100.00 and that pastors and congregations desiring his services pay him a reasonable fee for legal aid given.

IV.

Whereas, the Hudson Coal Company has done so much to entertain the delegates and visitors to the 51st Annual Conference of the Atlantic District

Be it resolved that the Atlantic District express its appreciation for this courtesy and instruct its secretary to write a letter of appreciation to the Hudson Coal Company.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. Enders

Mrs. R. W. Jungfer, Sr.

Eml F. Schauer

William Daab

The proposed constitution was earnestly discussed by the members of the conference. A special committee had been appointed to present the findings on this matter. This committee did a fine piece of work, thus hastening the discussions. Rev. H. M. Strub was the chairman. Other members, Rev. G. Siegenthaler, Rev. E. T. Henzel, Mr. Walter

Willis, Rudolph J. C. Fleck. The various suggestions made by this committee are not reported here.

District Officers and Boards

District Officers—(1937) President, Rev. Louis C. F. Miller; Vice-President, Rev. H. M. Strub; Secretary, P. W. Meisenheimer; Treasurer, Mr. Adam Friedrich.

District Council—The District officers and Rev. Edw. Lautenschlager (1941), Mr. F. W. Mankey (1937), Mr. F. C. Heitkamp (1939).

District Finance Committee (1937)—Rev. H. M. Strub, Rev. Edw. Lautenschlager, Mr. H. W. Schultheis.

District Counsellor (1937)—Mr. H. W. Schultheis.

General Council Members (1937) Rev. H. M. Strub, Mr. H. W. Schultheis.

Home Mission Board—Rev. Harry Yaggi (1937); Rev. M. Manrodt (1939); Rev. Wm. L. Moenhaus (1941); Mr. Wm. Kunz (1937); Mr. John List (1939); Mr. Fred Miller (1941).

Foreign Mission Board—Rev. H. Manrodt (1939), Rev. E. T. Henzel (1941), Mr. George Stroh (1937).

Board of Examiners—Rev. W. E. Bourquin (1939); Rev. Titus Lehmann (1937), Rev. G. Siegenthaler (1941).

Board of Pensions—Rev. F. A. Giese (1937), Rev. P. Briesemeister (1941), Mr. Rudolph Fleck (1939).

Board of Religious Education—Rev. E. J. Paetzold (1939); Rev. B. W. Tannler (1939), Rev. E. J. F. Dettbarn (1937), Mr. Kurt Manrodt (1937), Prof. H. M. Geiss (1939), Mrs. August Dietz (1941).

District Judiciary—(1937) Rev. W. E. Bourquin, Rev. O. Guthe, Rev. E. Fuhrmann, Sr., Mr. H. Zimmermann, Mr. Fred Yaggi.

Insurance Inspector—Rev. R. W. Jungfer, Sr.

Concluding Notes

The business of the Conference was transacted in four regular, one ministerial and one laymen's meeting.

P. W. Meisenheimer, Secretary.

Read and approved

Louis C. F. Miller

President, Atlantic District.

M I N U T E S
of the
40th CONFERENCE
of the
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)

Held in

St. John's Evangelical Church, Woodland, Calif.

Rev. C. Saenger, Pastor

April 24 to 27, 1936

The 40th conference of the California District was held April 24 to 27, 1936, at St. John's Evangelical Church in Woodland, Calif., Rev. C. Saenger, Pastor.

The beautiful new sanctuary of this congregation with its dignity of style and modern facilities made a pleasing and lasting impression upon all members and guests of the conference.

Mr. Fred Plocher of the local church, extended a hearty welcome to the conference to which Vice-President, Rev. H. R. Gebhardt, responded in fitting words.

The morning devotions during the session on all three days were conducted by Rev. H. R. Gebhardt of Los Angeles who spoke on the topic: "The Christian Church and Her Threefold Manifestation—(1) A Holy Church, (2) A Functioning Church, (3) A Governing Church.

The conference was pleased to welcome the President of the Evangelical Synod, the Rev. F. C. Klick, who served the conference at various times in his efficient and most effective manner during his stay in Woodland. A vote of thanks was extended to him. At the Sunday morning services he brought an inspiring message emphasizing in his sermon "The Greatest Need of the Church Today" based on Acts 2: 37-38.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at the conclusion of the service.

Rev. A. F. Schroeder spoke at the afternoon service. His subject was taken from the book of Esther and was a challenge to the Christian in his perplexing problems of our day.

On Friday evening, Rev. O. Wichmann of Pomona, Calif., conducted the memorial service, paying tribute to the departed brethren in his message on "Jesus Lives."

The conference extended a hearty welcome to the newcomers in the district, the Rev. Wm. P. Thiel who came from the Kansas Classis of

the Reformed group to Immanuel's Church in Los Angeles and to Rev. A. W. Ogston, Pastor of Trinity Reformed Church of West Hollywood and the Evangelical Church of Hollywood.

Budget secretary, Rev. H. R. Gebhardt reported that the payments for the Synodical budget for 1935 were a trifle below the 100% mark, lacking \$35.11, but that, notwithstanding, the California District is still at the head of the list of all districts.

Responding to the Larger Kingdom Service appeal presented by Rev. F. C. Klick the pastors of the district pledged themselves for the tithing campaign 100% before the conference was over according to the report of the budget secretary.

Rev. R. Birk of Lodi, Mr. J. Mettler, Jr., and Dr. Evemeyer, fraternal delegates from the Reformed group brought hearty greetings from the California Classis and were bidden welcome by the conference.

The results of the election of delegates to the General Conference were: clergy representative, Rev. C. Saenger; clergy alternate, Rev. T. E. Schulz; lay representative, Mr. Julius Irion of Los Angeles; lay alternate, Mr. A. Leonhard of San Rafael.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of ordination of the Rev. P. Branke the District extends to him congratulations and best wishes.

Regarding the Contingent Fund the conference passed the resolution that in the future the same shall be paid by the individual congregations themselves.

The sum total of the study of the proposed constitution made during the conference under the leadership of a special committee amounts to an approval by the district which is in accord and sympathy with the purpose and tenor of the draft as a whole, while certain recommendations particularly regarding the area division in the West are being submitted.

The conference proved to be a source of valuable information and much blessing to all who attended, and on Monday afternoon delegates, pastors and guests returned strengthened in body and soul to their respective field of labor in the vineyard of the Master.

Theo. Tillmanns, Secretary.

M I N U T E S
of the
31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
COLORADO DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Immanuel Evangelical Church, Fort Collins, Colo.
Rev. A. C. Kroehler, Pastor
April 17 to 19, 1936

The Conference opened with a devotion, based on the first Psalm, conducted by Rev. Jacob Kisselmann.

Thereupon our president, Rev. M. Schoenhaar, opened the first business session. There were 11 pastors and 9 delegates present. Rev. M. Schoenhaar was chosen as moderator, and Rev. D. Buchmueller as vice-moderator.

The pastor of Immanuel Church welcomed the Conference, and in response our President spoke words of gratitude.

Reports of the District President, the District Mission Board, and of the District Treasurer, were read and turned over to the various committees.

The Committee on Credentials reported, and moved that the 9 delegates present be given voice and vote, and that the delegates from Montrose and Laramie be excused, but not exempted from participating in traveling expenses. Carried.

Conference Committee work from 11-12 o'clock and again from 1-2 o'clock. Noon recess from 12-1 o'clock.

From 2 to 2:30 separate meetings of pastors and delegates were held.

In the course of the afternoon session our synodical representative, Dr. Paul Press, arrived. He was welcomed by the Conference, whereupon he extended greetings from our Synodical President, as well as from the Conference of the Missouri District.

Dr. Press was now asked to speak to the Conference. A discussion of our Synodical work followed the address. Special attention was directed to the work of the Kingdom Service Committee.

The afternoon session of the first day was closed with a word of prayer by Rev. J. Roth.

On the evening of the first Conference Day Dr. Press spoke to the congregation, basing his sermon on John 20: 21.

The second Conference day opened with a devotion by Rev. F. W. Krueger. He based his thoughts on 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5.

The minutes of the first day were read and approved.

Dr. Press was asked to extend greetings from our District to the West Missouri District.

The work of the Kingdom Service Committee was once more discussed, and the literature sent by Rev. J. P. Meyer for distribution was emphasized.

The remainder of the forenoon and the greater part of the afternoon of the second Conference Day was devoted to the discussion of the proposed new constitution for the united Church.

The Committee on Traveling Expenses reported a total expense of \$56.40 and \$4.70 for the individual congregation.

Rev. M. Schoenhaar and Mr. S. G. Becker were elected as delegates to the General Synod, Rev. D. Buchmueller and Mr. Wm. Mollenberg as substitutes.

Resolutions

SYNODICAL PRESIDENT

1. Our Colorado District would emphasize with our Synodical President, that only Christ and His Spirit of sacrifice and ministering love can save the world.

2. We, the Colorado District, are also of the opinion that an earnest religious awakening and true consecrated Christianity are a prerequisite to all further improvement of the financial situation.

3. The Colorado District joins with our Synodical President in heartfelt sympathy for all those who mourn. Yea, let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

SYNODICAL TREASURER

The work of our treasurer, Mr. F. A. Keck, is deserving of much praise, because it was done under such difficult circumstances. We do hope that the 85 congregations which are not contributing to the Synodical Budget, may become willing or able to contribute to the Larger Kingdom Work, and comply also in this respect with God's Word: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1. The Colorado District expresses its appreciation to our Synodical Secretary, Rev. H. P. Vieth, for his untiring and faithful services in the reconstruction of our Synodical relationships.

2. Through the merger with our Reformed brethren the German section of our work has been strengthened through an increase of the number of German congregations. We would express the desire, that, wherever possible, this German department should not be overlooked as regards literature and recognition.

3. We pray God's blessing upon Rev. J. P. Meyer in his work. The Colorado District means to give him its faithful support, as far as that is possible.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We hereby take cognizance of the great Christian work which our consecrated missionaries are doing in their respective fields. We com-

mend these workers to God and pray His blessing upon them. May His strength continue to be manifested in man's weakness.

CENTRAL BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS

The Colorado District is grateful to God that the work of Home Missions was not without results during the past year.

DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

1. We are happy about the progress being made in our Colorado mission churches. Our prayer is that they may continue to increase in numerical and spiritual strength.

2. In regard to Grand Junction-Montrose parish, we recommend that, should the Synod feel so disposed to place another minister in charge of this parish, arrangements should be made for this minister to live in Grand Junction, where there is a parsonage, and so save the expense of renting a parsonage.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

1. The Colorado District agrees with its President, Rev. M. Schoenhaar, in the joyful confidence that "God is able to make all grace abound toward you."

2. The Colorado District expresses its heartfelt sympathy toward those who have been bereaved through the death of Rev. G. A. Schmidt and Rev. Wm. Grether.

3. The Colorado District welcomes Rev. F. W. Krueger and Rev. A. Wienbrauck.

EXTENSION FUND

We commend the 46% who are making their payments regularly. We find that 8% of the borrowers are ten years or more in arrears with their payments. We urge the pastors of these congregations to spur their members with a greater spirit of stewardship and personal responsibility.

PUBLICATIONS

1. It is to be regretted that the publication of the two new books, "The House of God" and the "Year of Grace" has found so little favor.

2. The merger of the three English church papers, "The Reformed Church Messenger," "The Christian World," and "The Evangelical Herald" is a cause of real satisfaction to the church, and we express the fervent hope that the united Church will adopt the new paper, "The Messenger," as its official organ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. We recommend that all our Church School workers make frequent use of the free library service of the Board.

2. The Colorado District thanks Rev. O. P. Schroerluke, the retired director of the youth's department, for his service.

3. The passing away of Dr. D. Irion, for many years so intimately connected with the Board of Religious Education, is a distinct loss to our entire Church. His life and what it has meant is still a shining light, though he himself is not any more bodily with us.

WOMEN'S UNION

1. The Colorado District heartily congratulates the Women's Union upon the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary, and rejoices with the Women's Union that by God's grace such splendid results have been achieved.

2. We wish wholehearted success to the efforts of the Women's Union to gather a birthday offering of \$5,000.00, to be applied to the liquidation of the Synodical debt.

SYNODICAL DEFICIT

It is the opinion of the Colorado District, that, beginning with the year 1937, payments to the various boards and officers shall not in any month exceed the receipts; that in the better months the necessary cuts of the other months be made up as far as possible. The District feels that such a procedure would be in accord with the Word of God, when it says: "Owe no man anything but to love one another," and we believe, that in that way our deficit could gradually be liquidated, and that, on the other hand, the Lord would, through our prayers, make people's hearts willing to give and sacrifice for His cause.

KINGDOM SERVICE INSTITUTE

The Colorado District recommends the suggested program for a "One Day Kingdom Service Institute" to its pastors for use in the local congregations, or at the Regional Conference.

PENSIONS AND RELIEF

The Colorado District expresses its appreciation to the board of Pensions and Relief for its efficient work, but regrets that the income has not been sufficient to meet the needs, and that it is impossible to increase the payments to needy pastors, their widows, and orphans.

After the reading of the minutes adjournment was voted, to take effect on Sunday afternoon after the services.

On Saturday evening Rev. D. Buchmueller gave the Memorial Address on the basis of Gen. 24: 56, and Rev. A. Wienbrauck spoke on John 15: 9-13.

Rev. J. Roth spoke to the Sunday school in the German, Rev. R. Schroedel in the English language.

Dr. Paul Press delivered the Sunday morning sermon, using John 6: 15 as his text.

At the closing service on Sunday afternoon Rev. R. J. Young spoke in the English (Luke 5: 4) and Rev. Hy. Baumgaertel in the German language (1 Peter 1: 3, 4).

Rev. M. Schoenhaar gave expression to the gratitude of the Conference toward Immanuel Church, and then pronounced the 31st Conference of the Colorado District to be closed.

A. C. Kroehler, Secretary.

M. Schoenhaar, President.

M I N U T E S
of the
47th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
INDIANA DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Zion Evangelical Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. Frederick R. Daries, Minister

May 11 to 13, 1936

Introduction

The Indiana District of the Evangelical Synod of North America assembled for its 47th Annual Conference from May 11 to 13 at the beautiful and well-equipped Zion Evangelical Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, the Rev. Frederick R. Daries, pastor. The fine Christian hospitality of the Rev. and Mrs. F. Daries and the members of the entertaining congregation contributed largely to the blessings received. This excellent service was greatly appreciated by all in attendance. The conference motto was "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit," and the Conference Text was Ephesians 4: 3-6. The conference hymn was "Behold, how good and pleasant."

Sermons and Addresses

The forenoon devotions were in charge of the following: "The Congregation, Her Character and Goal," by the Rev. A. Susott of Evansville, Indiana; "On Holding Office in the Congregation," by the Rev. Carl Scherzer of Vincennes, Indiana; "The Church and the Churches. Variety and Unity," by the Rev. Dr. Elmer Homrighausen of Indianapolis, Indiana. The meditation for Holy Communion was presented by the Rev. D. Bierbaum of Freelandville, Indiana. Sermons were delivered by the following: "The Church Against the World," by the Rev. Dr. F. Frankenfeld of Elmhurst, Illinois; "Feed My Sheep," by the Rev. G. W. Grauer of Cincinnati, Ohio; "The Spiritual Foundations for Church Organization," by the Rev. F. A. Meusch of New Albany, Indiana. The ministerial session was in charge of the Rev. F. P. Puhlmann and the project of the "Larger Kingdom Service" was presented by the Rev. A. G. Schnake. The laity session was in charge of the Mr. F. A. Kratch of Louisville, Ky., and the topic "Financial Problems of the Indiana District" was discussed by Mr. Wm. D. Schott, District Treasurer, of Louisville, Ky. Morning prayers were spoken by the Rev. H. Schoettle of Elberfeld, Indiana; by the Rev. Theo. Goebel of Westphalia, Indiana; and by the Rev. J. Kalkbrenner of Troy, Ohio.

New Members

The Revs. W. J. Luthe, J. P. Schlueter, N. H. Schultz, and L. F. Weigel were received into the membership of the Indiana District, and subsequently into the fellowship of the Evangelical Synod of N. A.

Business

The Rev. G. W. Grauer of Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected Moderator of the Conference and the Rev. W. R. Grunewald of Dayton, Ohio, was elected Vice-Moderator. The President of the District gave a very splendid and thought-provoking report. The admirable report of the Vice-President and Budget-Secretary was printed and distributed among the delegates to the Conference. Annual reports of the Home Mission Board by the Rev. W. Scheer, the Board of Religious Education by the Rev. M. Baas, the Pension Board by the Rev. G. J. Krumm, and the Mutual Fire and Storm Association by the Rev. T. Goebel were received and referred to the proper commissions.

The Rev. F. Frankenfeld, LL.D., Elmhurst, Ill., was the representative to the conference from the Synod on the "Larger Kingdom Service" project.

The Rev. G. W. Grauer was the representative on the newly-drafted constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The rate of equalization of traveling expenses for the ministers and lay-delegates was adopted at \$4.20 and \$8.40, respectively.

Resolutions

Due to the fact that most of the resolutions were on the consideration of the newly drafted Constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, which resolutions were but suggestions of change to the General Synod, the following special resolutions are only reported:

DISTRICT PRESIDENT

We appreciate the thought-provoking report of the President of the District and recommend that all members of the Conference give it serious consideration and bring to the attention of their respective congregations such matters as are of vital importance.

BUDGET

We recognize the special efforts of our Vice-President and Budget Secretary, Rev. A. G. Schnake, his splendid report, and deeply appreciate and commend him for the same.

A resolution was duly passed, after considerable discussion, that the District give its hearty approval of the plan of the Larger Kingdom Services, the details thereof to be worked out through the District Kingdom Service Commission.

HOME MISSIONS

We wish to commend the members of Trinity Evangelical Church and their pastor, the Rev. W. Rasche, of Jasper, Ind., for their good work and especially recognize the fact that they have now become self-supporting and wish them God's richest blessings.

We support the District Board in their request, petitioning the Central Board for an allotment of \$750.00 for St. Matthew Evangelical Church, Evansville, Indiana. In view of the fact that the North College Hill St. Paul Evangelical Church has raised the sum of \$950.00 for debt retirement during the past year, and in addition has displayed its faith to the District in raising the sum of \$450.00 additional to retire the \$900.00 note held against them by the District and due to the fact that this church is seriously retarded by its heavy debt, the Home Mission Board of the District recommends that the \$900.00 note held by the District be cancelled in order that the \$450.00 due the District might be applied in the payment of a Church Extension Board note which they have been forced to default for the past two years. The District views with favor the proposed union between St. Luke Evangelical Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cheviot-Westwood Evangelical Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, and looks forward with anticipation to its consummation and instructs the Secretary to write a letter to the St. Luke Evangelical Church, extending the best wishes of the District and commanding the members thereof upon this fine spirit manifest in such anticipated merger.

FEDERATED ACTIVITIES

The Indiana District recognizes the faithful services of the District officers of the Women's Union.

We, as a District, take cognizance of the District Convention of the Women's Union to be held at Christ Evangelical Church, Louisville, Ky., in October and urge the pastors to encourage representation from their churches.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Indiana District rejoices in the splendid work done by the Board of Religious Education and those responsible for the Young People's Activities and calls upon all the churches to avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the Hanover Conference, the Regional Conference, the Leadership Training Schools and the local training schools.

PENSION

In order to forestall a reduction in pension allotments, the Indiana District concurs in the request of the synodical Board of Pensions and Relief for an increase in the percentage for budget payments to the Pension and Relief Treasury.

MUTUAL FIRE AND STORM ASSOCIATION

The Indiana District feels that the affairs of the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association are in capable hands and herewith expresses its appreciation for the faithful and efficient services rendered by the Rev. Theophil Goebel, Inspector of our District Mutual Fire and Storm Association.

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Believing that education and adventure on the social frontier is a responsibility of the Church of Christ equal in importance to its activity

on the missionary frontier, we petition the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to provide adequate funds for the work of the proposed Commission on Christian Social Action and suggest that as very minimum ten thousand dollars or one per cent of the total denominational budget be appropriated for this essential work.

We urgently request the committees responsible for preparing the new Hymnal and the Book of Worship for the Evangelical and Reformed Church, to make proper provision for the expression of the social implications of the Christian life, through the inclusion of an adequate number of hymns, scripture selections, litanies, prayers, and devotional materials, embodying the social passion and the Kingdom vision of our faith.

MISCELLANEOUS

Members of the Indiana District wish to thank the members of the Zion Evangelical Church of Indianapolis, their pastor, Frederick R. Daries, and his good wife, members of the choir and the organist, the fine ladies for their good meals, the wonderful hospitality shown the pastors and delegates; and that this resolution be incorporated in a letter from the Secretary to the church.

The Resolution Committee recommends that the Indiana District vote the honorarium of \$100.00 for President, \$100.00 for Vice-President, \$100.00 for Secretary, \$50.00 for Treasurer, \$15.00 for custodian services, and \$15.00 for stenographic services.

The Indiana District voices its thanks to the Moderator and Vice-Moderator, the various speakers and all others who have had a part in making our Conference a success.

In Conclusion

A very solemn and impressive Holy Communion service was arranged by the pastor loci on the first day of the Conference previous to the breakfast of that day, at 8 A. M., which was attended by all of the pastors and lay-delegates present up to that time. Another highlight of the Conference was the Golden Anniversary and Memorial Service of the District in charge of two senior pastors of the District, the Rev. C. Held, liturgist, and the Rev. Wm. Mehl, speaker. In his address the speaker reminisced very vividly of the past, commented very highly upon the work of the fathers within the District, many of whom passed on to their reward, and reminded all in attendance that while we are still under the influence of this human power, yet we should guard against the ascendancy of the human elements in our lives, and like the fathers in humility trust to the promises of God.

Hilmer E. J. Neumann, Secretary.

Approved by

Frank P. Puhlmann, President

M I N U T E S
of the
46th CONFERENCE
of the
IOWA DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Keokuk, Iowa
Rev. A. H. Bisping, Pastor
April 28 to 30, 1936

Opening Service

The 46th conference of the Iowa District was convened in the St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Keokuk, Iowa (A. H. Bisping, pastor) on April 27, 1936. The opening service of the conference found a very large number of the conference members present. The altar service was conducted by the pastor of the entertaining church. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Mr. J. P. Meyer, St. Louis, Mo., director of the Larger Kingdom Service Committee of the Synod. On the basis of the words of John 1: 4, 10 and 10: 15 he spoke very interestingly and forcefully on "The Discovery of the Meaning of Life." He pointed out first the need of "ascertaining the meaning of life," showing how, secondly: "this meaning of life finds its expression through the medium of the Church," and lastly, reaching the conclusion that "this meaning is indicated by the loss of life and the giving of self, that this higher life might be obtained."

A hearty welcome was extended to the conference by the Pastor A. H. Bisping. President Theo. A. Thomas fittingly responded on behalf of the conference. The choir of St. Paul's Church beautified the service by its masterful rendition of the cantata: "The Seven Last Words" by Protheroe.

In the service of Holy Communion, which followed immediately after the opening service, the Pastors A. H. Bisping and K. Fauth administered the sacrament.

Tuesday, April 28

The first business session of the conference was fittingly opened with a devotional service. The Rev. Wm. Krummel of Walnut, Iowa, led in this service. He directed the thoughts of the conference members to a study of the subject of: "The Congregation, Her Character and Goal." With President Thomas in the chair the routine business of the conference was then attended to, such as the roll call, the welcome

of the new members and visitors of the conference, the adoption of the program submitted by the District Council and the election of a Moderator and Vice-Moderator were then attended to. With the Moderator, the Rev. Theo. F. Schumacher in the chair, the secretary read some communications to the conference, which he was instructed to respond to in the usual manner. President Thomas then read his report to the conference. This was gratefully received and referred to the proper committee. The District Court reported that there was nothing to report.

The chairman of the District Kingdom Service Committee, Pastor E. Seybold, then reported on the work and purpose of this committee. We were then privileged to listen to a very able address by the Rev. J. P. Meyer, which was often interspersed with questions from the floor, which only served to increase the interest in his remarks, which dealt solely with the special work, to which he has consented to give his time and talent.

After dinner the various Conference Committees met in separate sessions to prepare resolutions to be submitted to the conference. Upon reassembly the Secretary substituted for the Rev. F. J. Rolf, who could not be present because of illness, in the Memorial Service, basing his meditations on the words of 1 John 3: 2.

The Secretary then read the names of the nominating committee as appointed by the District Council, viz.: Rev. E. G. Bizer, Rev. E. H. Berger, Rev. G. O. Martensen and the laymen: Mr. F. Utech, Mr. L. Rest, Mr. Al. Bischoff and Mr. H. C. Bode. After acting on the report of the Committee on Excuses the conference adjourned for the day and entered into its separate sessions for the clergy and for the lay delegates.

In the worship services of the evening Rev. P. Kitterer of Elkader conducted the altar service and the Rev. F. A. Meusch, Secretary of the Synod, preached a very fine sermon on the text Rev. 3: 1-4. He spoke of "The Signs of Life in the Church," stressing as such her power to "maintain that which remains" and her ability to "hold fast and repent." Special music was rendered in a very acceptable manner by both the Senior and the Junior Choirs of the church.

Wednesday, April 29

The devotional service, with which this session began, was led by two lay-members of the District Council, Mr. Ralph H. Jordan and Mr. John W. Schultz. They spoke very effectively on the subject: "On Holding Office in the Congregation," setting forth the need and the possibility of training for better service those selected to be leaders in the local congregations. Rev. O. C. Nussmann led in prayer. Following the roll call the minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved. The Board of Examiners then reported to the conference that three young pastors had made application for membership in the Synod; that these applications had been approved by the ministerium of the District and by the Board of Directors of the Synod. The motion then

prevailed that they be received into full membership. They were then officially received into membership by the Vice-President, Pastor Theo. F. Shcumacher. A report of the lay session was then submitted as follows:

"The matter of sending pastor and lay delegates to the General Synod drew a general discussion. Upon motion the following resolutions prevailed: Resolved that we submit to the conference the following: "That we go on record favoring the election of one delegate from each region of the District and one delegate at large to the General Synod. Resolved further that we recommend that a layman and pastor be not chosen as delegates to the General Synod from the same congregation. After a very lively discussion favoring support of the Larger Kingdom program the meeting adjourned.

*H. C. Bode, Chairman
Ralph F. Voigt, Secretary*

The above motion was referred to the Committee on Special Resolutions. After additional credentials were reported the conference acted on the proposed resolutions, based on the reports of the President and Treasurer thus clearing the way for the election of the District Officers and members of the District Council and of the district's representatives on the General Council of the Synod.

The afternoon session was opened with a brief devotional service, led by the Rev. Elmer Otte. The Rev. F. A. Meusch then addressed the conference briefly and the work of elections and of acting on resolutions continued. The conference worked so diligently that it even ran ahead of the program schedule.

After the supper recess the conference again assembled for its work for a brief period and then adjourned to be entertained by the young people of the church, who presented an interesting humorous program.

Thursday, April 30

The devotional service, with which this day's program was begun, was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Bizer of Hubbard. He used as his subject: "The Church and the Churches. Variety and Unity." Again the attention of the conference was given to the adoption of resolutions, centering for the most part about the proposed constitution of the united Church and with special resolutions and with the election of the delegates to the General Synod, after the usual routine matters of the roll call and the reading of the minutes of the previous day's sessions had been attended to properly.

After the noon luncheon the conference again went into session to finish its work, which was accomplished by about 3:00 o'clock. The session was opened with a brief devotional service, led by the Rev. F. J. Mittler. After the minutes had been read the retiring president installed the newly elected District Council and the District Court into their office. The newly installed president then led in the closing prayer and announced the conference adjourned sine die.

Resolutions

PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT

1. We are fully in accord with the statement of our president: "It is well to be reminded once more, at this time, that we are stewards and that the first requisite of a steward is faihfulness.
2. We exend our heartfelt sympathy to those who mourn the loss of loved ones, who were called to their reward during the past two years. (Rising vote.)
3. We welcome into the fellowship of our District the pastors who have come into the District since the last conference.
4. To the pastors and churches who were privileged to celebrate important anniversaries, we extend our hearty felicitations.
5. We agree that the financial reports of the District and Synod should be given that careful consideration which they justly deserve, and if we have failed we should amend our ways. But we should be equally plain in our request that our Church realize the difficulties and adopt a "pay as you go" attitude, which is absolutely essential if our budget should ever be balanced.
6. We extend a hearty welcome to the representatives of the Synod, Rev. F. A. Meusch and Rev. J. P. Meyer. May their messages prove a blessing to the conference. (Rising vote.)
7. We ask our President, at the proper time, to give expression of our gratitude to the local pastor, Rev. Bisping and his family and to the congregation for the splendid hospitality extended to the members of the District during their stay, and also to the press for its generous publicity.
8. We accept with thanks the invitation of Zion Church, Lowden, Iowa, for the conference of 1938.
9. We join the President in his expression of deepest appreciation of the fine cooperation of the members of the District Council, boards and fellow-workers during the past years.
10. Be it resolved that the usual gratuity be granted to the President, the Secretary and to his helper, and also to the janitor of this church.

PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD

1. The District fully concurs with the President of the Synod in the statement that we are facing the future with much trepidation and that we feel helpless unless we listen to the voice of God and hearken to His command: "Speak that they may go forward." Ex. 14: 15; that the world needs the Christ more today than ever and that He is the solution to our problems. This Christ, we as pastors and members of the Church must bring to the hearts and lives of the men and women and children by preaching, teaching and living.
2. We are very grateful to the Kingdom Service Committee and plead for their continued fine cooperation.
3. To all of those within the Synod, who during the past year have suffered the loss of loved ones, the Iowa District expresses its sincerest

sympathy. May they find consolation and hope through Him, who is the resurrection and the life. (Rising vote.)

SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND KINGDOM SERVICE DIRECTOR

Be it resolved:

1. That selfishness is our besetting sin, hindering progress in Kingdom service at every turn; that selfishness can be overcome by consecration only; that consecration results from earnest prayer; that consecration of personality on the part of all pastors and church members will automatically solve our financial difficulties to Kingdom building. 2 Cor. 8: 5. "But they gave first their own selves to the Lord."
2. That we urge the Director of our Larger Kingdom Service and all our pastors to emphasize the need of consecration and to arrange for consecration services at mission festivals and at other convenient seasons.
3. That we whole-heartedly cooperate with the Director of our Larger Kingdom Service in applying his slogan: "What we do, we must do together and simultaneously, according to a unified plan, centrally directed."
4. That we urge our congregations to follow the ideal of making monthly payments to our Larger Kingdom Service, since by so doing our Synod could save thousands of dollars annually in interest payments.

THE DISTRICT TREASURER

1. The books of the District Treasurer were audited and found correct, therefore be it resolved that we thank our District Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Witte, for his services rendered during the past two years and that we release him from all obligations to the District for the indicated period.
2. Special resolution: Resolved that the District favor the Treasurer of the District with a gratuity of \$10.00.

HOME MISSIONS

1. The Iowa District takes special recognition of the commendable work being done in the five special projects: Biloxi, Madeline Islands, Immigrant and Seamen's Mission, St. Louis City Missions and the Ozark Missions. The achievements in these fields should inspire established churches for continued support of missions.
2. The District rejoices that St. John's Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, is again self-supporting, and hopes her present arrangement will continue satisfactorily.
3. Realizing the peculiar difficulties existing in the Garber field, the District heartily commends the efforts of the present pastor, the Rev. Harold Hohman. We recognize that the pastor is the leader of the whole congregation and commend those who have faithfully supported him and assure them of our hearty cooperation.
4. The District expects all churches to follow the synodical ruling condemning unchristian methods of raising money.

CHURCH EXTENSION

1. Although the District regrets exorbitant expenditures for building projects, we endorse the policy of the Extension Board in extending assistance to churches already established where the need is urgent and deserves such action, and we urge churches so assisted to do their utmost in meeting their obligations to themselves and to the Synod.

2. We appreciate the open statistical statement on the conditions of outstanding loans of the Fund, and hope for the continuation of this policy.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

1. The Iowa District would appreciate it if the itineraries of our missionaries on furlough could be planned to better advantage. We instruct the District Committee on Foreign Missions to arrange for the convenience of missionaries as well as for most efficient services to our churches. It remains that a continuing interest in Foreign Missions can be stimulated by the use of our mission publications through systematic distribution by the pastors.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1. The Iowa District urges its pastors and religious education personnel to make use of the free library service and the visual education aids (slides and pictures) offered by the Board of Religious Education.

2. The Iowa District agrees with the Executive Secretary of the Board of R. E. in desiring a permanent Youth Director to serve the youth of the united Church.

3. To raise the standard of our teaching staff, we urge the organization of local teacher training classes. We recommend the splendid diversified curriculum of the International Council of Religious Education, of which our Synod is a member.

4. The Iowa District urges attendance at the Sunday School and League Conventions at Noble Township, Rev. S. E. Birkner, pastor; at Ackley, the Rev. E. Seybold, pastor, and at Fort Madison, the Rev. Theo. Berlekamp, pastor, during the week of June 21.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

1. We commend Dr. Press's grasp of the purpose of Eden Seminary and endorse the policy in which the Seminary is increasingly coming into dynamic relation to modern life, as evidenced not only in the curriculum itself, but also in:

A. The various and interesting topics of the weekly convocation services, and B. the stimulating program of the annual convocation held in February.

2. The Iowa District approves the publicity for Elmhurst College through essay contest scholarship awards.

3. The Iowa District recommends Elmhurst College to its youth.

Note: Elmhurst College spent per student in 1934-35.....\$710.00
Student himself contributed to that amount approximately..... 320.00

Financial advantage to student, about\$390.00

The Synod, by budget appropriation, gave per student, approximately \$232.00. By an increase in the number of students, this per capita would be proportionately and actually decreased considerably.

4. We urge that those churches in the Iowa District who have found it impossible to contribute to the Elmhurst-Eden Advance, do so in the near future.

5. We approve of the following new quarterly publications:

A. "Eden Theological Seminary Bulletin" (Theological Magazine and Catalog of Eden Seminary).

B. "The Voice of Old Main" (for alumni of Elmhurst).

6. The Iowa District expresses its appreciation of the character and the contributions of Dr. D. D. Irion and Dr. F. W. Leich and mourns their passing. (Rising vote.)

MINISTERIAL PENSION AND RELIEF

1. We are grateful to Dr. Irion and to Mrs. Mack for returning their pension, and we thank the Women's Union for assigning one-third of their Thank-Offering for relief for the years 1935 and 1936.

2. We appreciate the fact that two new homes are to be erected at Blue Springs, Mo., and that much needed improvements are being made.

3. With the Central Board we convey to the widow of the Rev. John Sauer our deep sympathy, and pay a special tribute to the late John Sauer, founder of the Blue Springs Home.

4. Although the present amount of Pension and Relief is scarcely sufficient, yet the Iowa District notes with gratitude that the Pension Board has found sources which make the present amount of pension possible.

MUTUAL FIRE AND STORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

The Iowa District recognizes the good financial condition of the Association, and recommends the new policy to the members of our congregations.

FEDERATED ACTIVITIES

1. The Iowa District accepts the reports of the Evangelical Brotherhood, the Women's Union and the Evangelical League.

2. We call attention to the meeting of the Brotherhood in Buffalo, August 18-20, 1936; the 15th anniversary of the Women's Union in June of 1936; the meeting of the Women's Union in St. Louis, May 18-21, 1937; and the Evangelical League in 1937.

3. We commend the Brotherhood and Women's Union for the fine progress made and for their support of the special projects adopted by the organizations.

4. We express our appreciation to Brother Schroerluk for his services as Executive Secretary of the Evangelical League; our good wishes go with him into his pastorate. We also wish to commend the Board on having secured the services of Mrs. Dorothea Pflug as acting Director of Youth Work.

EVANGELICAL CHARITIES

We are pleased to note that the churches of the Synod have loyally supported our charitable institutions. We especially commend to the District the needs of the Hoyleton Orphanage and the Marshalltown Deaconess Hospital.

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

The District would like to see the social pronouncements of the Commission more fully carried out in all phases of our modern life; we suggest that the Commission study the salary standards of those employed by our Church and churches and that it make specific recommendations to the districts to the end that our own house be put in order first. We are fully convinced that if the Church is to give more than lip-service to the principles of equality and social security, we must first of all bring these principles into operation within the Christian Church.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

We approve of the suggestion made by the Commission and suggest that the present work be supported by the Evangelical Synod until such time when it shall be adopted by the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

1. The Iowa District insists that it be made possible that the representatives of the Synod or special branches thereof arrange their itinerary in such a way that sufficient time be given that he may present the matters of special importance to each district conference and to answer all questions pertaining thereto.
2. Be it resolved that no delegate be granted voice unless the District and Contingent Fund be paid in full.
3. Resolved that mimeographed copies of the minutes be sent to all pastors and delegates of this conference.

4. The resolution presented by the lay-session was rejected by the Committee on Special Resolutions, because it was not in conformity with the provisions of the constitution regarding the election of delegates to the General Conference.

5. Whereas a considerable number of our delegates, both clergy and lay, consistently leave the conference before its adjournment, without leave, therefore

Be it resolved that in future the refund check on mileage expenses be paid after adjournment, and

Be it further resolved that should a delegate leave without excuse, his refund check be paid into the District treasury and not to the delegate or delegates. An excused delegate may receive his refund at the time of his departure upon application to the committee in charge.

New Members

The Rev. S. E. Birkner of Griswold, Iowa; the Rev. Herbert Rinderknecht of Hornick, Iowa, and the Rev. Harold W. Hohman of Garber, Iowa, were formally received into the membership of the Synod. The Vice-President, Rev. Theo. F. Schumacher read the reception service.

Elections and Appointments

Moderator: The Rev. Theo. F. Schumacher.

Vice-Moderator: The Rev. Wm. Krummel.

President: The Rev. E. Seybold, Ackley, Iowa.

Vice-President: The Rev. A. H. Bisping, 1020 Exchange St., Keokuk, Iowa.

Secretary: The Rev. Theo. F. Schumacher, 323 N. Washington St., Kahoka, Mo.

Treasurer: Mr. W. H. Witte, Lowden, Iowa.

Council Members: Mr. Ralph H. Jordan, 1230 N. 7th St., Burlington, Iowa. the Rev. Wm. Krummel, Walnut, Iowa, Mr. Ernest Kruetzfeldt, Hartley, Iowa.

Representatives on the General Council: The Rev. Theo. A. Thomas, Tripoli, Iowa, Mr. Henry C. Bode, 721 N. 14th St., Keokuk, Iowa.

District Counsel (appointed by the District Council): The Rev. Wm. Krummel.

District Kingdom Service Committee (appointed by the District Council): The Rev. A. H. Bisping, chairman, the Rev. E. Seybold, secretary, the Rev. Wm. Krummel, Mr. Ralph H. Jordan.

Board of Home Missions: The Rev. E. G. Bizer, chairman, the Rev. F. J. Abele, secretary, the Rev. F. J. Nisi, Mr. Otto Reller, Mr. Ed Leu, Mr. Theo. Riepe.

Board of Religious Education: Pastors W. A. Koch, Wm. Kamphenkel, E. G. Bizer. Lay: Mr. Milton Rasche, Mrs. E. J. Prolow, Miss Lottie Weber, Mr. Walter C. Martin.

Board of Examiners: Pastor J. H. Buescher, K. Fauth, C. J. Barth, Mr. F. W. Rasche, Mr. Ed. C. Leu.

District Court: Pastors A. Matzner, O. C. Nussmann, Theo. Berlekamp. Lay: Mr. Fred Ihlenfeldt, Mr. Louis Goldsmith.

Foreign Missions Committee: Pastors G. E. Hesse, John Perl, Mr. H. F. Boeke.

Board of Pension and Relief: Pastors C. J. Barth, Wm. Kamphenkel and F. D. Budy.

District Inspector of Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association: Pastor A. VonderOhe.

District Historian: Pastor G. E. Paulowitz.

Delegates to the General Synod

Pastor delegates: E. Seybold, Theo. A. Thomas, Theo. F. Schumacher, Wm. Krummel. Lay delegates: Wm. H. Witte, Henry C. Bode, Ralph H. Jordan, John W. Schultz. Alternates: Pastors: A. H. Bisping, P. Kitterer, J. H. Buescher, E. G. Bizer. Lay: Mr. H. F. Lubkeman, Ralph Voigt, Walter C. Martin, W. A. Mundinger.

Excuses

Pastors F. J. Rolf and M. Kleinau for duration of conference.

Congregations: St. John, Warsaw; Evangelical, Muscatine; Friedens,

Ledyard, for duration of conference. Also excused from participation in mileage expenses.

Part-time excuses: Pastors: C. Jankowsky, E. K. Schneider, Geo. Pruessner, G. M. Betz. Delegates: F. W. Heman, Fred Paul, F. Heuwinkle, John Young.

Visitors

As such the following were presented and welcomed: Rev. F. A. Meusch, Rev. J. P. Meyer as official visitors; Rev. R. A. Mensendiek, Rev. J. A. Harp, Rev. Robert Foster, Mr. Karl F. Klann, Mr. Herbert Hunger, Mr. Al. Wuelner, Mr. Ray Flachmann, Mr. H. Hugg, Mrs. Theo. F. Schumacher, Mrs. Walter C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Vorwaart. Other local people were present at times, but their names were not presented at the time.

Greetings

Rev. J. P. Meyer brought greetings from district conferences he had visited and was asked to take greetings from Iowa to such conferences he might yet visit. Rev. F. A. Meusch brought greetings from his own Indiana District, even though the same had not yet met, and was asked to kindly convey our greetings to that district.

Appreciation

Words of appreciation were expressed to the local church, its pastor, A. H. Bisping, and family, the press of Keokuk, the ladies of the church for the generous hospitality and sumptuous meals, the minister of music of the church and all others who helped to make the conference stay a pleasant one by the new president on the occasion of the last dinner meal enjoyed by the conference. Likewise a special vote of appreciation and gratitude was expressed on the floor of the conference to the representatives of the Synod, for their addresses and words of counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Seybold, Secretary

Theo. A. Thomas, President

Theo. F. Schumacher, Moderator.

M I N U T E S
of the
43rd CONFERENCE
of the
KANSAS DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Zion Evangelical Church, Junction City, Kansas
Rev. A. F. Rinne, Pastor
April 20 to 23, 1936

Services and Devotions

The opening, Communion, service of the conference was held Monday evening at which service the Rev. R. F. Richter, president of the district, preached the sermon. Dr. L. W. Goebel of Chicago, representing the Synod at our conference, preached the sermons the following two evenings. The Revs. A. Rinne, Al. Brueggemann, H. Reifsneider respectively served as liturgists. Rev. D. H. Moritz conducted the memorial service. The pastors Aug. Brueggemann, E. Pfundt, R. Bierbaum and O. Krueger conducted the morning and afternoon devotions presenting the suggested topics. All the services and devotions were helpful and inspiring.

Organization

The conference was called to order Tuesday morning by the president of the district. Elected as moderator: Rev. O. Krueger. Vice-moderator: Rev. E. Pfundt.

Attendance

Synodical representative: Dr. L. W. Goebel. Pastors: 24. Delegates: 30. District council 3.

Received into Membership

Pastor: J. E. Kleffmann, E. Riske, C. E. Wierth. Congregation: St. Paul's, Holyrood, Kansas.

Kingdom Service

Dr. L. W. Goebel presented the Larger Kingdom Service challenge in a very forceful and clarifying way. He also presented the program worked out by our Kingdom Service Director, the Rev. J. P. Meyer.

Delegates to General Synod

Clerical Delegates: R. F. Richter, Al. Brueggeman. Clerical Alternates: E. Pfundt, H. Reifsneider. Lay Delegates: J. Abele, H. Willig. Lay Alternates: H. Hanstein, V. Werner.

Traveling Expenses

Average for laymen: \$6.00. For pastors: \$3.30.

Excused

1. Lawrence, Tangier, Norman, Liberty, Mission Creek were excused from attendance and participation in traveling expenses.
2. El Reno was excused from attendance but not from participation in traveling expenses.
3. Rev. B. Slupianek was excused from attendance and traveling expenses.

Reports

The following district boards were given an opportunity to further the causes which they represent: Home Missions, Religious Education, Pension and Relief, Christianity and Social Problems, Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association.

Gratifications

A motion carried to give five dollars to the custodian of the Zion's Church, and five dollars to Mrs. F. Racherbaumer in appreciation of services rendered.

Resolutions

1. A resolution of appreciation and thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Rinne and to the Zion congregation for the fine and cordial hospitality.
2. Welcome and thanks to Dr. L. W. Goebel. 3.) Welcome to the new members of the district. 4.) Acceptance of the invitation of the St. Paul's congregation of Holyrood for the next district conference.
3. Whereas, the Emergency Peace Campaign is getting underway, April 22, 1936, and will have speakers in 300 large cities of the United States:

Be it resolved, that we lend our support to said campaign by dispensing information and attending the meetings wherever convenient.

4. That we urge the study of the pamphlet *Facing Our Social Responsibility*, which was issued by the joint Commission on Christian Social Action, by our entire constituency.

5. We regret the loss we have sustained by the death of Rev. F. E. C. Haas of Oklahoma City who so faithfully served the Kansas District; and also the loss of our friend and teacher, Dr. D. Irion of Elmhurst College and Rev. G. A. Schmidt of Colorado.

6. We appreciate the fact that the union of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States was consummated on trust,

Therefore be it resolved that we go on record as favoring that the actual union be perfected as soon as it is feasible.

7. We appreciate the efforts of the editors of the Messenger and we urge that our constituency subscribe to it. We recommend that the contributions to the synodical budget be published therein,

8. We pledge our support to Rev. J. P. Meyer, director of our Larger Kingdom Service, and his program.

9. Whereas the scheduled meetings sponsored by the Kansas Council of Christian Education, at which T. Kagawa was to speak, have been cancelled due to the shameful actions on the part of certain groups in this state:

(a) Be it resolved that the Kansas District Conference of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. meeting at Junction City, April 20-23, 1936, offers an apology to Dr. Kagawa for the said action and assures him that if he will reconsider speaking in our state, we will pledge him our support.

(b) That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Kagawa by the secretary.

10. Whereas T. Kagawa has made the Co-operative movement an organic part of the kingdom of God movement of Japan and since it is apparently helping economic conditions in Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Great Britain:

Be it resolved, that we urge the pastors and laymen to study said movement and commend the Women's Union and Brotherhood for including such in their program.

11. Whereas, the Evangelical Synod of North America has declared that it will not support any war, since war is inconsistent with our faith in Christ who is the Lord of the Church and since an increase in armaments inevitably leads to war:

(a) Be it resolved, that we, the assembled members of the Kansas District Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America, meeting at Junction City, Kansas, April 20-23, 1936, are opposed to the military appropriations which have been made by congress.

(b) That a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator Capper and McGill by the secretary.

Closing

Adjournment: Thursday, 11 A. M. The Rev. A. Rinne spoke the closing prayer. Farewell dinner served by the good ladies of Zion's Church.

A. F. Werner, Secretary.

Approved:

R. F. Richter, President.

M I N U T E S
of the
49th CONFERENCE
of the
MICHIGAN DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)

Held in

First Evangelical Church, Richmond, Mich.
Rev. A. H. Schultz, Pastor

April 28 to 30, 1936

The special conference of the Michigan District was held on April 28th to 30th at First Evangelical Church, Richmond, Michigan (the Rev. Arnold Schultz, pastor). Opening worship services were conducted by the pastors A. Schultz and H. S. von Rague. New members were introduced to the conference as follows: Leonard Stuckwisch, Gilbert P. Frohne, E. A. Mayer, Karl Rest, K. Barth, Paul Rasche and Albert H. Meyer.

Delegates to the General Conference were elected as follows: Pastors Edwin F. Mayer (president of the district), F. R. Schreiber, Theo. R. Schmale and Robert Stanger. Alternates were Jacob Wulfmann and John L. Ernst. Lay delegates elected were Charles Gruel, E. Grossmann, Chas. Tonn and Fred C. Stange. Alternates were George Bartling and Walter Wacker.

Superintendent C. C. Haag advised the conference of the new addition to be built at the hospital. Rev. E. F. Lawrenz conducted the Memorial service. The pastors Daniel Schlinkmann and J. P. Meyer conducted the evening worship. Elections continued at intervals as also the reports of the committee on constitution.

Resolutions of greater importance are given here:

The district heartily approves the action of the board of directors of the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in resolving to enlarge and remodel the hospital and urges as many of our congregations as possible to respond to the contemplated financial appeal.

The district voices its genuine appreciation of the Messenger. It makes these suggestions for the consideration of the editors:

That a wholesome series of stories be a regular feature, striving to make the Messenger a family paper.

That news of local interest only be curtailed.

That the publication of the church school lesson material, which is to be found in other church publications be avoided.

We urge all pastors and laymen to give the Messenger unqualified support in these, the formative years of its policy.

The district instructs the Michigan District Home Missions Board to take the responsibility to see that Salem Evangelical Church of Albion receives financial support.

We recommend that the combined Commission on Christian Social Action receive such financial support through denominational budgeted appropriations, that it may employ a full-time director of its activities; that it may fully develop its denomination-wide educational program.

We recommend that the Michigan District at this conference appoint a committee to study the problem of equalization of ministers' salaries and report its findings to the next district conference.

The Michigan District believes the name "Evangelical and Reformed Church" to be inadequate, and to suggest division rather than unity. We suggest the name "United Church in America" as the best suggested thus far and encourage the committee on constitution to continue to search for a more adequate name.

The conference was very happy to receive the Rev. Mr. Paul Rasche of Albion, Michigan and the Emanuel Evangelical Church of Manchester, Michigan, into the membership of the Synod.

*Victor P. Frohne, Secretary,
Edwin F. Mayer, President.*

M I N U T E S
of the
46th CONFERENCE
of the
MINNESOTA DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
St. John's Evangelical Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. Wm. J. Riemann, Pastor

May 5 to 7, 1936

The 46th Conference of the Minnesota District convened at St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Minn., William J. Riemann, Pastor, May 5-7, 1936. Forty-eight pastors and thirty-nine lay-delegates were in attendance. Among the visitors who addressed the Conference were: Dr. F. C. Klick, President of our Synod, the Rev. T. C. Braun, Associate Director of the Board of Religious Education, the Rev. A. Dreusicke, Secretary of the Board of Pension and Relief, and the Rev. Albert Muecke, father of the President of the District.

The Conference opened with a Communion Service at 2 P. M. on Tuesday. The Rev. Wm. Koring, Treasurer of the District, preached, and the local pastor, the Rev. William J. Riemann, Vice-President of the District, served as liturgist. The first session convened at 3 P. M. The Rev. Otto A. Muecke, President, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Wm. J. Riemann, Vice-Moderator. The two morning devotions were conducted by the Rev. G. G. Bratzel of Faribault. After the reports of the chairmen of the various District Boards were heard, the proposed Constitution of the merged Church came up for lengthy discussion. The Constitution Committee, which had met one and one-half days prior to the opening of the conference, presented its suggested changes, and arguments for the same.

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP

The Rev. Victor Grupe of Barnesville, Minn., recent graduate of Eden Seminary, was received into membership of the Synod.

A Fellowship Hour and Banquet was arranged by the congregation on Tuesday evening. Former presidents of the District were especially feted. In the Wednesday evening service Dr. F. C. Klick spoke to the assembled congregation on the subject of the Union. The Rev. Louis Suedmeyer, pastor on Madeline Island, served at the altar.

Delegates to the General Synod are: Pastors—Otto A. Muecke, Wm. J. Riemann, Geo. J. Low, Erwin H. Bode. Alternates—A. O. Mann, E. J. Becker, Erwin R. Koch, Otto Rapp. Laymen—Philip C. Justus,

Wm. Noll, F. C. Baumann, Herman Albrecht. Alternates—Ernest Martens, Karl Kiel, F. P. Warber, Aug. Schmidt.

Some of the resolutions adopted are:

We admonish our pastors and laity to cooperate with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in the Preaching Mission to be conducted next fall for four days in all strategically selected cities, and we urge them to attend these services wherever possible.

We accept the invitation of Zion's Church of LeSueur, to hold our Conference there in 1937.

“THE MESSENGER”

Whereas, a large portion of the rank and file of our people have greatly missed in the Messenger the interesting and helpful stories which they have formerly enjoyed in the Evangelical Herald, and

Whereas, it is a well known fact the right kind of stories carry a strong educational influence in addition to the entertainment they afford to the general reader and,

Whereas, a large number of our church constituency are more interested in the concrete portrayal of human life and its possibilities than in the abstract presentation of religious truth and denominational information, therefore

Be It Resolved that this District Conference go on record as recommending that the Messenger give regular space to such stories (short or serial) as will help effectively to promote adult religious education, and

Be It Further Resolved that much space for this purpose could be gained by omitting unimportant, parochial news items which have interest only for a limited local constituency.

We fully realize the difficult task of the President of the Synod, Dr. F. C. Klick, and his co-laborers during these serious times and express your sincere appreciation for their conscientious service, praying that the Lord might crown their efforts with success.

The District thanks the Rev. H. L. Streich for his work as temporary director of the Larger Kingdom Service.

The District expresses its approval of the appointment of the Rev. J. P. Meyer as full time director of the Larger Kingdom Service and pledges him cooperation and support in his work.

The District recognizes gratefully the efforts of Mr. F. A. Keck the Synodical Treasurer in the administration of his office.

We appreciate with heartfelt gratitude the gift of the Women's Union—a new parsonage on Madeline Island—and the gift by mission friends of St. Louis—a new church at Pike River, Wisconsin.

We sorrow in the loss of an enthusiastic leader in the Home Mission work, caused by the death of the Rev. G. A. Schmidt; we will especially miss his unique contributions to our mission literature.

The Minnesota District endorses the engaging of a field representative for Elmhurst.

We note with approval the fine progress made in all phases of work undertaken by the Board of Religious Education. We regret the resignation of Rev. Schroerluke as Young People's Secretary but rejoice in the selection of Mrs. Pflug as temporary secretary. We trust that an able Youth Director will soon be secured.

The plan of holding a conference of national scope for the purpose of considering the meaning of Christian Education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the theme "A New Church for a New World" is heartily to be recommended, and we prayerfully hope that this conference will be successful.

The following resolution of the Central Regional Conference was adopted as a resolution of this Conference:

Whereas the history of the World War, the disclosures of the Congressional investigation into the activities of the war munitions industry, the unholy example of modern warfare, and the inconsistency of the institution of war with the principles of the Kingdom of God convince us of the futility and inhumanity of war as a means of permanently and satisfactorily settling international problems and disputes—

BE IT RESOLVED—

That we appeal to the President of the United States of America and to the members of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives to use their influence and the powers of their office toward the adoption of such legislation as will preserve peace and prevent war, and

That we urgently support any move toward the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the U. S. A. which will—

- 1) Prohibit the exportation of war munitions and armaments at all times.
- 2) Prohibit the drafting of men for military service on foreign soil or on the open seas.
- 3) Prohibit compulsory military training at any time or in any way, except in the event of an actual military invasion of our country.
- 4) Provide for absolute neutrality, including an embargo on exports and imports to or from belligerent nations in any war.
- 5) Provide for such taxation as will take the profit out of war for any individual or company in the event that our country is actually invaded by foreign military powers.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED—

That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to the President of the U. S. A., to Senator Gerald P. Nye, and to every U. S. Senator and Representative from the State of Minnesota,

That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to the Editor of the

"Messenger" with the request that said periodical call upon pastors and congregations to adopt similar resolutions and to send them to their respective representatives in Washington, and to the President of the U. S.

The following motion was adopted by the lay-delegates in their own meeting, and then later by the entire conference:

We approve the plan to liquidate the synodical debt substantially as presented by Dr. F. C. Klick, and ask the Minnesota District to pledge its support.

The following excuses were granted:

a) Congregations:

- 1) Judson, N. Dak., Bethel—from attendance at Conference and participation in the traveling expenses.
- 2) Delano, Minn., Evangelical—The same.
- 3) Granada, Minn., St. Paul's—from attendance only.

b) Pastors:

- 1) P. Weltge, 2) Wm. Schmidt, 3) W. W. Bunge—from attendance and participation in the traveling expenses.

The average traveling expense of the Pastors was \$4.45; that of the Lay-delegates was \$5.30.

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin H. Bode, Secretary.

Approved: *Otto A. Muecke*, President and Moderator.

M I N U T E S
of the
47th CONFERENCE
of the
MISSOURI DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Trinity Evangelical Church, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Paul R. Stock, Minister
April 15 to 17, 1936

The forty-seventh Conference of the Missouri District was held at Trinity Church, Saint Louis, Missouri, Paul R. Stock, Pastor, from April 15th-April 17th, 1936, for the purpose of studying the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the united Church, and election of delegates and alternates to General Synod. The members of the various Committees appointed by the District Council to make a preliminary study of the Constitution met one day earlier, on Tuesday, April 14th, at Trinity Church, to prepare their recommendations relative to the Constitution.

The opening service of the Conference was held at 10:30 A. M., on Wednesday morning, April 15th. Pastor Paul Stock served as liturgist, and the Rev. J. E. Schneider, Saint Louis, preached the Memorial and Communion sermon, calling attention to the note of triumph and victory that we take with us from the Empty Tomb, victory over death, and victory over sin. The Holy Communion followed, with the Revs. Stock and Schneider as celebrants, assisted by a number of clergy of the District in the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the first business session, held on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J. H. Overbeck, President of the District, was elected a Moderator of the Conference, and the Rev. O. Kienker as Vice-Moderator. The Synodical representative at the Conference was Mr. J. W. Mueller, a member of the Commission on Constitution.

At evening worship on Wednesday, the Rev. A. Blome, Washington, served as liturgist, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. H. J. Christman, D.D., of Eden Seminary, on the theme, "Our Devotion—Godward and Manward," based on Acts 3. Musical numbers were rendered by Prof. Moritz, organist of Trinity Church, the Trinity Glee Club, and the Eden Seminary Quartette.

Devotions on Thursday morning, April 16th, were led by the Rev. F. H. Krafft, Saint Louis, his meditation, based on Ephesians 5: 27, being "The Church, Her Character, and Her Goal." On Thursday

afternoon, the Rev. J. P. Meyer, Director of Our Larger Kingdom Service, addressed the Conference on the nature and programme of the Larger Kingdom Service project. At evening worship on Thursday, the Rev. A. H. Franke, Saint Louis, served as liturgist, and the sermon, "Vision and Service," based on Isaiah 6: 1-8, was preached by the Rev. G. Scherger, Ph.D., Minister of St. Paul Church, Chicago. The music was provided by Prof. Moritz, the Trinity Mixed Choir, and Mesdames Schopp and Kombrink of Trinity Church. This was designated as Brotherhood night, and members of the St. Louis Brotherhood Federation attended the service.

Owing to the inability of the Conference to complete its work within the scheduled time, the sessions on Friday, April 17th, began one hour earlier than appointed, and continued until 3:30 in the afternoon, although the Conference was intended to adjourn at noon. Morning devotions were conducted by the Rev. H. O. Hein, New Haven, his meditation, "A charge to those who hold office in the Congregation," being based on 1 Peter 5: 1-11. The Rev. H. P. Vieth, Associate Executive Secretary of General Synod, addressed the Conference on "The Contingent Fund." Visitors on Friday were: Dr. E. Schmidt, acting Executive Secretary of the "E" Board for Foreign Missions, and Dr. A. V. Casselman, Executive Secretary of the "R" Board for Foreign Missions, and also Mrs. Lang, Field Secretary of the Association for Medical Missions. Each one of these folks whom we were pleased to welcome, addressed the Conference briefly and helpfully. On Friday morning, a special service in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Missouri District was conducted by the Rev. S. Kruse, D.D., veteran member of our District. Special programmes were presented in connection with each evening meal by members of the Commission on Christian Social Action.

Special Resolutions adopted by the Conference were the following:

1. In order that the splendid spirit of unity which was engendered by the inauguration of the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church may not languish, and

In order that the two branches of the Church may not become oppressed with a false sense of the importance of superficial differences in their respective modes of operation, THEREFORE:

The Missouri District urges that the responsible persons in both branches of the Church now charged with the task of bringing the merger to actual consummation, and with the duty of integrating the work of the corresponding boards, bend every effort to authorize and actually establish the *work* of the Church on a united basis.

It is the conviction of the Missouri District that a prolonged dual organization is both contrary to the spirit of the merger as well as detrimental to the effective conduct of the Church of Jesus Christ.

It is further the conviction of the Missouri District of the "E" group that a satisfactory constitution is impossible of attainment in advance of our living and working together, and that such a constitu-

tion is rather the normal result of a serious attempt at, and a mutually charitable experience in a common task undertaken in a spirit of forbearance and cooperation.

2. WHEREAS, a large portion of the rank and file of our people have greatly missed in the MESSENGER the interesting and helpful stories which they have formerly enjoyed in the EVANGELICAL HERALD, and

WHEREAS, it is a well-known fact that the right kind of stories carry a strong educational influence in addition to the entertainment they afford to the general reader, and,

WHEREAS, a large number of our church constituency are more interested in the concrete portrayal of human life and its possibilities than in the abstract presentation of religious truth and denominational information, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the District Conference go on record as recommending that the MESSENGER give regular space to such stories (short or serial) as will help effectively to promote adult religious education, and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that much space for this purpose could be gained by omitting unimportant, parochial news-items which have interest only for a limited local constituency.

3. RESOLVED, that the Missouri District petition General Synod to retract the action taken at the 1934 General Conference, empowering the Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Association to extend its insurance service to the individual members of Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

4. RESOLVED, that the Missouri District extend to Trinity Evangelical Church, its Pastor and his good wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Stock, and all connected with Trinity Church who helped to make our Conference there such a delightful event, our sincere appreciation, and that the usual gratuity of \$10.00 be given to the Custodian of Trinity Church.

5. RESOLVED, that the Missouri District extend to its officers, its sincere appreciation for the service they have rendered the District, and that they be given the same gratification as was given to the officers at the time of the last Conference.

6. RESOLVED, that the Missouri District extend to Mr. F. W. Helmkamp its sincere sympathy in the bereavement that has come to him and his dear family, and that this Resolution of sympathy be adopted by rising vote and silent prayer.

7. Upon motion, duly seconded, it was decided to appropriate \$100.00 for the Ozark Mission Field. A number of the Conference offered to share in this appropriation, thus lightening the District's appropriation proportionately, however upon motion, it was decided that if any members of the District wish to give in addition to this \$100.00, their donations shall be added thereto.

8. A motion, duly seconded, was passed by the Conference, appropriating the sum of \$100.00 for the cause of Medical Missions, provided that the Treasury will permit this expenditure.

The following were elected to represent Missouri District at General Synod: *Clergy*: J. H. Overbeck, F. C. Klick, Paul Press, D.D., O. Kienker, S. D. Press, D.D., J. P. Meyer; *Alternates*: F. E. J. Schenk, Paul R. Stock, A. C. Rasche, D.D., F. H. Krafft, C. H. Rohlwing, Prof. A. Wehrli; *Lay-Delegates*: J. W. Mueller, A. H. Steinbeck, F. A. Keck, Mrs. Ida Pauley, O. Grueninger, J. F. Peters; *Alternates*: W. H. Withaus, E. A. Kamp, W. Sparrenberg, F. W. Klein, Mrs. F. A. Keck, C. H. Stocke; *Commissioned Workers*: Prof. H. A. Pflug; *Alternate*: R. A. Keppel, Lic.

E. H. Bueneman, Secretary.

Read and approved:

J. H. Overbeck, President, Missouri District.

M I N U T E S
of the
44th CONFERENCE
of the
NEBRASKA DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
St. John's Evangelical Church, Syracuse, Nebraska
Rev. W. Bechtold, Pastor
April 24 to 26, 1936

Services and Devotions

The conference was opened Friday, April 24, at 10:30 A. M., with a devotion conducted by the Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, president. The opening service, which was also a communion service, was held Friday evening. The Rev. J. P. Meyer, director of the Larger Kingdom Service, delivered an impressive and timely sermon on Prov. 4: 23: "Out of the Heart Are the Issues of Life." On Conference Sunday the annual mission festival of St. John's Church was observed. On Sunday morning the Rev. W. Ruhl addressed the Sunday School, and the Rev. J. P. Meyer preached an inspiring sermon on "The Discovery of Life's Secret" (John 1: 4; 10: 15) to a large congregation. On Sunday afternoon the Rev. H. F. W. Jesdinsky spoke in German on 1 Cor. 9: 16-22, and the Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck in English on Rom. 8: 14. At the closing service on Sunday evening the Rev. C. Burkle preached on John 1: 40 42. A number of beautiful anthems were rendered by the Choir of St. John's Church.

Devotions were conducted on Friday and Saturday by the pastors J. Kreuzer, G. Fuchs and J. Steger, and the memorial service on Saturday by the Rev. E. Stelzig.

Moderator

The Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck was elected Moderator and the Rev. T. R. Marshall Vice-moderator of the conference.

Attendance, Visitors

The conference was attended by 27 pastors and 26 delegates from the congregations of the Nebraska District.

The Rev. A. Hoferer and the delegate from Winside were excused from attending the conference but not from participating in the traveling expenses.

Visitors at the conference were: Rev. J. P. Meyer, Director of the Larger Kingdom Service; Rev. D. Buelter, Sutton, Nebr.; Rev. F. Hefner, Syracuse, Nebr.

Special Addresses

"Our Larger Kingdom Service," Rev. J. P. Meyer.

"The Great Emergence," Rev. J. P. Meyer.

"The Church in the Rural Setting," Rev. Gustave Pahl.

Business

The district officers and the chairmen of the various boards and committees read interesting reports on their work during the past year.

The Rev. J. P. Meyer spoke on "Our Larger Kingdom Service," and on the "Debt Liquidation" plan of the Synod. Pastors and delegates promised their conscientious cooperation in this venture.

The conference devoted considerable time to a study of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws and made various suggestions and recommendations regarding the same. One important recommendation was that the whole plan in regard to the "Area" organization be dropped, and that, if retained, the plan be simplified and changed in a number of particulars. Another recommendation was that the Districts and Classes in the three states, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, be distributed to form three Synods, instead of two, as suggested in the plan for synod divisions. The merging of Classes and District was left in the hands of the District Council.

The conference elected delegates to the General Synod; and received three pastors into the membership of the Synod.

Elections

Delegates to the General Synod at Fort Wayne:

a. Pastors: Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, Rev. T. R. Marshall

 Alternates: Rev. H. Henning, Rev. E. Tischhauser

b. Laymen: Mr. Fred Ress and Mr. Reinhold Ruhnke

 Alternates: Mr. F. A. Ruenholl and Mr. E. Tonsing

Received into Membership

Upon recommendation of the Ministerium the following pastors were received into the membership of the Synod: O. Baumann, G. Fuchs, and W. Ruhl.

Traveling Expenses

Average expenses for a pastor and delegate, \$10.00.

Adjournment

All business of the conference being completed, the conference adjourned Saturday, April 25, at 4:30 P. M. after adopting the minutes of Saturday's sessions. Some of the conference members found it necessary to leave for their homes at this time, but many remained for Conference Sunday and attended the inspiring Mission services of St. John's Church.

*O. E. Pinckert, Secretary,
F. L. Rodenbeck, President.*

MINUTES
of the
47th CONFERENCE
of the
NEW YORK DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Salem Evangelical Church, Rochester, N. Y.
Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, Pastor
May 6 to 8, 1936

This conference opened at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor, on Wednesday, May 9, 1936, at 10:30 A. M., with a service of Holy Communion. The Rev. Paul Schroeder led the devotional service with the Rev. Theodore L. Trost singing a very beautiful solo. A very hearty and cordial welcome was extended by the local pastor and the District President, the Rev. Paul Langhorst, responded with very well chosen words. The Communion meditation was given by the Rev. Henry A. Kraemer, Buffalo, N. Y., on Matthew 5: 13 "Ye are the salt of the earth," which was a real preparation for the Holy Communion service conducted by Revs. Schroeder and Kraemer.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:45 with the Rev. Robert Keller, Buffalo, N. Y., Vice-president of the District, leading in prayer.

The Rev. Braynard Kurkowski reported for the credentials committee giving 31 lay delegates voice and vote. There were 63 present, 32 pastors, for the opening session. The Rev. R. Vieweg, Elmira, N. Y., was elected moderator and the Rev. Elmer Hoefer, Rochester, N. Y., vice-moderator.

The convention program was presented by President Langhorst and was adopted as a working basis.

Mr. Fred Rest, Student Pastor, Salem Church, was presented to the conference.

The report of President Langhorst was then presented and was referred to committee No. 2.

The report of Treasurer Louis Trost was given and was referred to committee No. 3.

Upon the suggestion of the moderator, the Rev. Paul Langhorst was elected floor leader in the discussion of the constitution.

The constitution was duly considered and various changes were adopted.

Wednesday Evening Service

The Rev. Paul Frohne, Buffalo, led the devotional service, which was beautified by the singing of Salem Choir. The Rev. Martin P. Davis of India delivered a very forceful sermon on "India and the new spirit coming into its own among the lowest caste of India."

Thursday Morning

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Locher, Hornell. He spoke on "The Congregation, her character and her goal." Eph. 5: 27. "A complete and perfect congregation should be our ultimate aim for the congregation."

The election of pastoral delegates to the General Synod resulted as follows: Rev. R. Vieweg, Rev. P. M. Schroeder and Rev. Paul Langhorst. Alternates: Rev. Theodore Mayer, Rev. P. Frankenfeld, Rev. Carl G. Haass.

The election of lay delegates to the General Synod resulted as follows: Henry Albrecht, Rochester, Salem Church, Edward J. H. Werle, Meadville, Zion Church and Theodore Viehe, Hamburg, St. James Church. Alternates: William Bender, Louis Trost and Carl Siekmann, Buffalo.

Thursday Afternoon

Devotional on "Holding Office in the Congregation," 1 Pet. 5: 1-4, was led by the Rev. Walter Hetzel, Tonawanda.

The Rev. J. P. Meyer, Ex. Secretary of "Our Larger Kingdom Service Commission," spoke. A rising vote of thanks was extended him for his very fine presentation.

Committee Reports adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE NO. 2 *District President's Report*

1. We commend the Rev. Paul Langhorst for his faithful service as president of the District.
2. We welcome the Rev. J. P. Meyer as permanent director of the larger Kingdom service, and recommend that he be given every possible support.
3. Since the conference has been called primarily to consider the proposed constitution for the Evangelical and Reformed Church, we heartily favor the suggestion of the president, to give the greatest possible amount of time to the chairmen of the various groups who have studied the constitution and recommend that we give them the right of way to present and discuss their paragraphs.
4. We commend our President in wanting to preserve some of the old forms, expressing the religious freedom which the Evangelical Church has enjoyed in the past, in keeping the final authority which has been allowed the individual congregation. In these times of dictatorial tendencies it is essential that the freedom and liberty of individual conscience be preserved.

5. We express our appreciation for the contribution to our district by the Reverend Frederick Krohne, erstwhile pastor of St. Peter's Church, Buffalo, and wish him success and happiness in his new field of endeavor.

6. The district extends congratulations to those churches and individuals who celebrated anniversaries during the year.

7. To the bereaved families of Reverend Phil. Krauss and Reverend Rudolf Locher, we tender our deepest sympathies.

8. We are highly in favor of the anniversary booklet commemorating the history of fifty years of the New York District, which the historical commission of the district is planning to prepare and recommend that we give them our whole-hearted cooperation, and suggest that these booklets be offered for sale at fifty cents.

9. We express our thanks for the fine hospitality extended us by Salem Church, Rochester, New York, the pastor and his wife and members of the congregation in entertaining the conference and request the district president to give expression of our gratitude publicly.

10. We desire to record our confidence in and our appreciation for the work done by the officers of our district and District Council and recommend that the officers be given the customary honorarium.

11. The district votes a gift of \$15.00 each to the janitor of the entertaining church and the office secretary of the conference.

*R. Vieweg, Chairman,
John Seibel,
John Koehler,
Geo. Reigelsperger,
M. R. Sennewald,
Carl J. Zimmerman.*

I. DISTRICT TREASURER

The auditing committee examined the reports of the District Treasurer and found them correct. We wish to commend Mr. Louis Trost for his efficient method of bookkeeping. In future detailed report of contributions shall be given.

II. GENERAL TREASURER

The New York District greatly appreciates the efforts of the Synodical Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Keck, for his efforts to induce the congregations to raise and send regularly their quota, and hopes that all churches will meet their budget obligations to the full extent of their abilities.

The New York District rejoices with the Synodical Treasurer over the gradual increase in budget payments from some of our churches and commend most highly those 214 churches who have met their obligations in full.

We recognize that if the 86 churches which paid nothing and the 206 churches which paid less than 25% of their quota, would get a clearer vision of Kingdom purposes, the treasurer's handicap would be greatly diminished.

III. BOARD OF ENDOWMENT AND TRUST FUND

The Board of Endowment and Trust Funds is to be commended upon its conservatism and its wise choice of endowments, which is evidenced by the small proportion of losses, also upon the efficient manner in which it accomplishes the vast amount of detail work connected with this Board's activities.

*F. W. Pfitzer, Chairman, Mrs. Robert Vax,
Theo. T. Lehmann, Secretary, Charles Beach.*

COMMITTEE NO. 4 *Eden Seminary*

1. We concur with Dr. Press that the essential concern of the Church and Seminary must be to keep the faith pure, faith in a personal sense, faith as a spiritual dynamic, active in love, righteousness and justice.
2. We greet as a forward step the introduction of supervised field work at the Seminary.
3. We encourage the faculty at Eden Seminary to set high standards of character in the men who are to minister to the souls of our people in these troublesome times.

ELMHURST COLLEGE

1. We deeply share the concern of the faculty in giving the individual student guidance and friendly fellowship.
2. We feel that the lack of financial means on the part of prospective students rather than the lack of confidence, caused the drop in enrollment from outside the immediate vicinity of Elmhurst.
3. We cherish the memory of Dr. Irion, the sainted President Emeritus, for the signal service and wholesome attitude toward the changes that have accompanied the development of Elmhurst from a Pro-Seminar to a modern college.
4. The New York District feels the need of greater publicity in all of our churches in regard to Elmhurst's educational opportunities. We appeal to our membership to use every means to foster interest among our young people of college age.

ELMHURST-EDEN ADVANCE

1. We rejoice in the loyalty and devotion of so many friends of the Elmhurst-Eden Advance efforts and hope the objectives may eventually be realized.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS

1. We heartily endorse the report of the Synodical Commission on Christianity and Social problems as contained in the Annual Report to the Districts of the Evangelical Synod of 1936.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. W. Locher, Henry Klenk,
Henry Eisenberger, Chr. E. Fetzer,
Theophil H. Twente.*

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD

Our President aptly says that the days of pioneering are not over for Christians. There is much work to be done in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. For this work we need the motivation which Christ had.

We commend the Constitution Committee for the spirit of cooperation it has shown in its work which has expressed itself in the excellent proposed Constitution. The New York District hopes that this proposed Constitution will be used to form the basis for our complete official union as *soon as possible*.

We approve the selection of the Reverend J. P. Meyer as permanent director of the Larger Kingdom Service and pledge the support of our District in the discussion of and the cooperation with the Plan for raising the Synodical deficit.

We hope that the churches in their zeal to erase the synodical deficit will not overlook the necessity of continuing their Synodical Budget contributions so that further deficits will not accrue.

Be it resolved that the working budgets of synodical boards be based in future upon the actual amounts contributed by the churches of the Synod of the preceding year, instead of considering amounts needed or anticipated or probable loans as the basis of expenses.

We approve the Preaching Mission Plan of the Federal Council of Churches and urge our churches to cooperate in it.

OUR LARGER KINGDOM SERVICE

We accept the motto of the Larger Kingdom Service: "*What we do, we must do together and simultaneously, according to a unified plan, centrally directed.*"

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

We commend the work done by this office during the difficult period of readjustment occasioned by the merger of the two churches.

*Rev. Rodney Heckman,
Rev. John Huebschmann,
Rev. Walter Hetzel,
Rev. W. Schild.*

Delegates: Bethlehem, Buffalo,
St. Paul's Rochester,
Zion, Meadville, Pa.,
St. Paul's, Meadville, Pa.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARDS Committee No. 7-A. Annual Reports pages 51-56

I. The Central Board

1. The New York District recognizes gratefully the faithful and conscientious work accomplished by the Central Board of Home Missions and all the loyal home missionaries under the trying circumstances still prevailing.

2. The N. Y. D. takes notice of the encouraging fact that five parishes have become self-sustaining in the past year.
3. We commend heartily the fine systematic work of our missionaries in charge of the five "special projects" enumerated in the report.
4. We gratefully acknowledge the continued financial support given to Home Missions by the Women's Union.
5. We again urge our pastors and congregations to promote missionary education by organizing study classes, and by the use of the publications, helps, books, slides, lectures, etc., furnished by the Board.
6. We consider the conserving and developing of weaker churches as an important problem and we recommend that the District Council make a special study of it and submit definite plans to meet it.
7. In view of the deficit of \$10,225.02 we urge our congregations again to do their utmost in meeting their budget obligations.
8. The report on Home Missions bears the signature of the Rev. G. A. Schmidt, chairman. This faithful servant in the Lord's vineyard has since been called to his reward. The N. Y. D. feels keenly the distinct loss which our Church has suffered in the going home of this fine Christian gentleman, indefatigable and always cheerful worker and highly efficient chairman of the Central Board of Home Missions. To the bereaved family we extend our sincere sympathy. (Standing)
9. The N. Y. District requests its President, in conjunction with the District Home Mission Board, to survey immediately the situation in Friedens Church, Buffalo, with a view to establish a mission and settlement House project there.
10. The N. Y. D. appreciates most sincerely the splendid financial support given to Kennilworth Church and thanks the Central Board for supporting this parish again.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND
Conference Committee No. 7-A. Annual Reports, pages 57-59

1. The New York District is cognizant of and grateful for the faithful although difficult work accomplished by the Board of the Church Extension Fund.
2. The N. Y. D. approves of the action of the Board to help as much as possible old established churches in distress.
3. We urge those who are endowed with worldly goods to help as much as possible old established churches in distress.
3. We urge those who are endowed with worldly goods to remember the Church Extension Fund when making their will.
4. In view of the fact that 54% of the outstanding loans are in arrears we hope that the Board will be successful in its efforts to collect these amounts, long overdue.
5. We are of the opinion that the Board should insist on the prompt payment of interest when due.

Rev. Carl Loos, *Carl F. Sickmann,*
Rev. I. K. Dietsch, *William Lauterbach,*
Rev. L. R. Moessner, *A. G. Reinhardt.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
Committee 7-B

- I. We feel that the Aim and Policy of the Missionary Task of our Church is:
 1. To Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 2. To bring the individual to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour, Redeemer and Lord.
 3. To regenerate society by the application of the principles of Jesus Christ to all phases of human relationships—namely, the spiritual, moral, social and economic."

And especially do we congratulate the Board on its stand regarding the work done on the field.

 1. That the responsible leadership must eventually be vested in the nationals, the missionaries standing ready to serve the national Church with advice and counsel.
 2. That an effective program be established to strengthen the national Church by developing new opportunities for service and by removing at all times those obstacles which may interfere with the development of the national Church.
 3. That, where a question of priority exists between the Church and the Mission, the Church is supreme."
- II. We rejoice with the Board in the healthful condition of our fields in India and Honduras. Especially the founding of the two new stations in Honduras at Yoro and Pinalejo.
- III. We are especially happy that the Board has found it expedient to send the Executive Secretary, Dr. F. A. Goetsch, to visit the mission stations of both the Evangelical and Reformed Church. We hope that the Board will find it possible to send some representative periodically to our fields to help in the promotional work at home and the harmony and the development of more enthusiasm in the field.
- IV. Finances: It is deplorable that the Board owes the treasuries of the field the sum of \$35,345.32. Our missionaries are working under a great hindrance in the foreign fields, due to the lack of funds which is caused by the lack of our support. May these figures stir our hearts to do our part and sacrifice just a bit more in order that these people who are giving their lives for the Master may receive their due.
Our Board has borrowed from the Indian and Honduran emergency fund and can not do this any longer. We therefore feel that it is our Christian obligation here in the Homeland to do our duty and raise the budget. In view of the many opening doors to the people of India, the raising of our budget is all the more urgent at the present time.
- V. We congratulate the work of the Evangelical Medical Missions Society. We hope that the churches of the N. Y. District will in-

clude on their schedules an address by Mrs. M. C. Lang, the field secretary, to aid in furthering interest in the noble work.

*Rev. J. P. Goebel, Chairman, H. F. Albrecht,
Rev. L. K. Molter, J. K. DeTuerk,
Rev. C. Bachmann, William Melberg.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 8

A. Board of Religious Education (100-105)

1. The committee respectfully calls to the attention of the clergy and church school workers the *services rendered by the Board of Religious Education*, especially its book, slide, and cut collections and the E. L. T. S. films and urge our churches to avail themselves of these services.

2. We suggest that the *lay delegates refer the church workers to the services of the Board of Religious Education* as found on page 100 of the "Annual Reports to the Districts of the Evangelical Synod of North America, 1936."

3. We recommend to the members of the clergy the use of the "Confirmation Guide."

4. We endorse the *conference on Christian Education* in the Evangelical and Reformed Church to be held in June, 1937.

5. We recommend that a *Loan Library* for Eden and Central Theological Seminary alumni innovated in accordance with the suggestion of Rev. E. W. Berlekamp, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association.

B. Board of Directors of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds, 105-109

1. Whereas, the four Eastern Districts of the Evangelical Synod of North America have been charged with the maintenance and development of the Dunkirk Conference, we believe it to be *incongruous* when the *General Council vetoes* special projects undertaken by any group within the District.

2. We recommend that the *administration* of the Dunkirk Conference Grounds be placed in the hands of individuals residing in the *proximity of the Conference Grounds*.

3. We commend the Women's Union of the New York District for its enthusiastic support of the Conference Grounds, especially in making possible the erection of the *Bath House*.

4. We urge the members of the *clergy* to avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Conference Grounds on July 7th and 8th, 1936.

5. All delegates of this Conference are urged to bring to the attention of the local congregation the opportunities offered by the two sessions off *Family Week* this year, August 1 to 8 and August 8-15.

Respectfully submitted,

*T. Mayer, Chairman, W. F. Grotzka,
T. L. Trost, Secretary, G. W. Wich,
C. Getzin.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE No. 11

Board of Publication

We regret the fact that the receipts of Eden Publishing House have fallen off to such an extent that the annual sum of \$10,000 for the Pension Fund has not been paid for several years.

We urge all pastors to make more earnest endeavor to use the literature and merchandise of our own Publishing House and thus help to bring back to its former level, the net proceeds of this Synodical enterprise.

We rejoice in the fact that the union of the former "Evangelical Herald" with the "Reformed Church Messenger" and the "Christian World," has been so heartily received by the constituency of the merged church, by a subscription of 20,000, and we bespeak for it a hope of continued success.

The New York District regrets that the Budget receipts are not published in "The Messenger" and hopes that ways and means may be found to do the same.

BOARD OF PENSION AND RELIEF

We regret that the limited resources of the Pension Fund has brought and perhaps will bring about a further reduction in Pension payments.

We urge those few pastors of our own District who are not yet members of the Pension Fund, forthwith to make application for membership.

*Paul P. Frohne,
Karl Kindt,
C. Zimmerman,
J. Deth,*

We commend the editorial committee on the appearance of the first number of "The Bulletin" sponsored by the faculty and Alumni of Eden Theological Seminary.

We urge upon the pastors of the New York District a generous response to a request by the Eden Alumni Association, E. W. Berlekamp, Sec., for a contribution of a book or books to the Pastor's Loan Library, to be handled through the Board of Religious Education, 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Thursday Evening

The devotional part of the service was conducted by the Rev. Elmer Hoefer of Rochester. The service was also beautified by the organ playing of Mr. Donald W. Allton and the solo sung by Mrs. Lucille D. Brightman. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Meyer. His address was very helpful and inspiring. The Rev. Paul Langhorst, president of the District expressed the thanks of the District to Rev. and Mrs. Schroeder and to all of the good people of Salem for their fine hospitality. The Rev. Schroeder responded.

The special Thursday evening session closed with the singing of "Muede bin ich geh zur Ruh."

Friday Morning

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. J. Paul Goebel, Dunkirk, who spoke on "Church Government."

The Friday afternoon devotions were conducted by the Rev. F. Pfitzer, Buffalo, who spoke on "The Church and the Churches, Variety and Unity."

The District Council was instructed to transact the business of the District until the next meeting in 1937, which will be held in Elmira, New York.

The Rev. R. W. Locher expressed the thanks of his congregation and his own for the help given them as flood sufferers. They received over \$1,100.00.

Rising vote of thanks was extended to the Moderator and Vice-moderator.

The Rev. M. P. Davis and the Rev. J. P. Meyer were thanked for their help and inspiration.

The conference closed at 2:30 with the Rev. Carl Loos giving the prayer and benediction.

*Paul Langhorst, President,
Carl G. Haass, Secretary.*

M I N U T E S
of the
47th CONFERENCE
of the
NORTH ILLINOIS DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
St. Paul Evangelical Church, Elgin, Ill.
Rev. Wm. Rest, Pastor
May 6 to 7, 1936

At 10:30 o'clock in the morning of May 6, 1936, the special Conference of the North Illinois District, Evangelical Synod of North America (Evangelical and Reformed Church), was opened with a period of devotion conducted by the Rev. H. E. Koenig, District Kingdom Service Committeeman, who spoke briefly on that phase of our Synodical Kingdom Service Enterprise known as "Christian Education." The local pastor, the Rev. Wm. Rest welcomed the delegates to the Conference in a most cordial way. A response voicing the appreciation of the District for the kind invitation and welcome extended, was given by the District President, the Rev. Arno A. Zimmermann. The report of the Registration Committee proved a quorum present, whereupon the Conference was officially declared in session by the President. The vote for Moderator and Vice-Moderator resulted in the election of the Rev. F. W. Schroeder as Moderator and Dr. H. J. Schick as Vice-Moderator. The President presented the agenda of the Conference in the form of the printed program and with a few amendments and changes this program was adopted as official.

Devotions and Addresses

The devotional periods were in charge of the respective members of the District Kingdom Service Committee, who presented the various phases of our Larger Kingdom Service. The Rev. E. Arends spoke on "Evangelism"; the Rev. A. F. Dexheimer on "Social Action," and "National Missions" was presented by the Rev. Paul Buchmueller.

Dr. L. W. Goebel gave an address on the subject: "The Evangelical and Reformed Church and Her New Constitution." The Synodical Kingdom Service Program of action for 1936 was ably presented by Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld.

Worship

An evening service was held at 7:30 P. M., May 6th, with the Rev. B. H. Leesmann serving at the altar, and Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld

preaching the sermon. The service was beautified by several anthems sung by the Men's Chorus of the local Church. The Rev. Wm. Rest and the Rev. Max Schroedel served at the Lord's Table.

Memorial Service

While the members of the District stood in silent reverence, and the Rev. George W. Goebel led in prayer, tribute was paid to the memory of the late Dr. Daniel Irion, and to those Pastors and Pastors' wives of our District who have been called to the higher life.

Resolutions

Whereas: Much of the success of this conference is due to the physical comforts with which the members have been provided;

And much of the pleasure of this conference due to the cordial reception and gracious hospitality of our hosts:

Be it resolved that:

The 47th Conference of the North Illinois District extends its heartfelt gratitude to

- a) The Rev. Wm. Rest and the members of his household.
- b) The members of St. Paul's Congregation of Elgin.

Be it resolved that:

The pastor, Rev. E. Helm, and the members of the Evangelical Community Church of Blue Island, be extended the congratulations of the District, upon their having become self-supporting.

Be it resolved that:

The District requests its council to appoint a pastor and a layman from each region to serve as members of the Resolutions Committee of the North Illinois District's 1937 Conference, such appointments to be made at least six weeks before the conference. The Council shall also ask the members of each region to study such reports of the Synodical and District officers as it shall assign to them for this purpose. In co-operation with the officers of his region, the pastor who is to serve as a member of the Resolutions Committee, shall arrange for a meeting of the pastors and delegates to be held shortly before the conference, for the purpose of studying such reports assigned to them and the drafting of pertinent resolutions. The group may also submit any other resolutions which the majority regard as important or helpful for the advancement of Kingdom Work.

The members of the Resolutions Committee shall meet on the day previous to the Conference for the purpose of comparing and discussing resolutions submitted by the respective regions, and to prepare them for submission to the conference in such a way that the business of the conference may be transacted with despatch and thoroughness. At this time the Committee shall also consider any additional reports which may require their attention.

Be it resolved that:

The North Illinois District whole-heartedly approves the Larger Kingdom Service program as outlined by the Kingdom Service Director,

the Rev. J. P. Meyer, presented by his representative, Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld, which will be undertaken during the period from October 25-November 15.

Whereas:

A number of our brethren could not be with us because of illness; Be it resolved that:

The District Secretary be instructed to extend them the greetings and well-wishes of the District.

Whereas:

God in His Love and Wisdom has called unto Himself the following members of our district: The pastors: Hugo Stamer, Carl Schaeffer, Wm. Blasberg, Theo. Kettelhut, A. C. Roth, and Mrs. Dorothea Sulzer, Mrs. Hermina Hattendorf and Mrs. Amalia Ernst.

Be it resolved that:

The district give expression to its sense of loss and in heartfelt sympathy commend the bereaved to the compassionate Father of us all.

With an especial deep feeling of gratitude and veneration the district cherishes the memory of the late Rev. Daniel Irion, D.D.; who has been called to his reward during the last conference year.

His Evangelical leadership as a master teacher of many pastors and commissioned workers of the Synod, as professor and president of Elmhurst College together with his sincere evangelical piety, will keep his memory alive in the hearts of many, and will place him forever in the rank of the venerable "Fathers" of the Evangelical Synod.

The district joins the entire constituency of the church in paying tribute to the memory of the late Rev. G. A. Schmidt, and sees in his indomitable will, his fervent love of the Master and utter devotion to the cause of the Kingdom, an example worthy of emulation.

Special Resolutions

The North Illinois District recommends that a Board of Endowment and Trust Funds comparable to the one found in the Evangelical Synod, be provided for in the constitution of the united Church.

Election of Delegates to General Synod

Pastors—Arno A. Zimmerman, L. W. Goebel, D.D., T. Lehmann, D.D., Frederick Frankenfeld, LL.D., H. W. Dinkmeyer and F. W. Schroeder. Alternates—H. J. Schick, S.T.D., Geo. W. Goebel, A. F. Dexheimer, Wm. Rest, E. H. Plassmann and H. E. Lambrecht.

Lay-Delegates—Dr. E. H. Hohman, E. W. Schumacher, A. H. Krusemark, Albert C. Dittman, George Deppert and A. Dittman. Alternates—P. Gerdes, Gustav Landmeier, Herman Kuhlman, A. L. Schick, Wm. Bazner and George Strub.

Conclusion

Adjournment at 9 P. M. Thursday, May 7, 1936, sine die. The closing prayer and benediction spoken by Dr. T. Lehmann.

E. H. Plassmann, Secretary.

Approved: *F. W. Schroeder, Moderator.*

M I N U T E S
of the
47th CONFERENCE
of the
OHIO DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Christ Evangelical Church, Cleveland, Ohio
Rev. Theo. C. Honold, Pastor
April 21 and 22, 1936

First Day Session

The first conference session on Tuesday, April 21st, at 11 A. M., was opened with a devotional service conducted by the President of the District, Rev. H. E. Pheiffer. The roll call showed the presence of a quorum and the Conference was officially declared in session. Rev. H. E. Pheiffer was elected moderator and Mr. Wm. C. Hazelbeck vice-moderator.

The following Conference Committees were appointed by the President:

Credentials and Mileage:

Pastors: A. Scheible, W. Grunwald.

Delegates: St. Paul's, Toledo; St. John's, Genoa.

Special Resolutions:

Pastors: Paul Pheiffer, Waldo Bartels, E. W. Wierth, O. Wittlinger.

Delegates: St. John's, Massillon; St. John's, Columbus.

Election Committees:

1. Pastors: H. Schairbaum, F. Kuether, Jr.

Delegates: Immanuel, Valley City; St. Paul, Port Washington.

2. Pastors: A. Bahnsen, R. Schluer.

Delegates: Pilgrim, Cleveland; St. Paul, Navarre.

Committees on Proposed Constitution:

1. Pastors: Theo. Merten, E. Agricola, Theo. F. Braun.

Delegates: St. John's, Cleveland; St. Paul's, Columbus.

2. Pastors: E. Irion, Theo. Schlundt, Sr., O. Zwilling.

Delegates: St. John's, Columbus; St. Stephans, Sandusky.

3. Pastors: C. E. Schmidt, Paul Kaefer, Wm. Kuhlmann.

Delegates: St. John's, Strasburg; St. Peter's, Amherst.

4. Pastors: E. W. Brueseke, F. H. Klemme, J. E. Melchert.
Delegates: First Evangelical, Portsmouth; St. Paul's, New Bremen.
5. Pastors: E. N. Krafft, H. H. Schowe, W. Berlekamp.
Delegates: St. Luke's, Cleveland; Emmanuel, Sandusky.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 with a Bible Study conducted by Rev. H. Pfister of Kenton, Ohio, on the theme, "The Congregation, Her Character and Goal," based on Eph. 5: 27. Rev. Honold presented a number of the Reformed Brethren to the Conference, after which an inspiring address was given on: "The objectives of the Synodical Kingdom Service Work" by Dr. T. Lehmann, President of Elmhurst College.

At the Ministerium, Rev. W. Berlekamp presented the plans for a retreat for the ministers of the four eastern districts to be held on the Dunkirk Conference Grounds of July 7 and 8. Rev. H. H. Schowe read a letter from Rev. E. W. Berlekamp regarding some objectives of a new Eden Alumni Association. Rev. Ernst Irion, Secretary of the Ohio District Board of Examiners recommended the admission of the following to the Ministerium: Rev. Harry Schairbaum of Millersburg, Rev. Fred Kuether, Jr. of Navarre and Rev. Ralph Schluer of Kettlersville. The Ministerium moved to recommend these brethren for admission into the District and the Evangelical Synod of N. A. Motion carried. The ministers were then challenged to participate and cooperate in the plan of the Synodical Kingdom Service Committee. Adjournment followed.

Second Day Session

The session opened at 8:30 A. M. with a devotional service led by Rev. J. K. Braun of Zanesville on the theme "Officers of the Congregation" based on 1 Peter 5: 1-4.

After the roll call the minutes of the previous day were read and approved. Several other delegates were given seat and vote in the conference. The mileage committee moved that the average traveling expense be set at \$3.25. Carried. Rev. C. E. Schmidt and Rev. C. M. Higgins were excused from the conference. The three above mentioned candidates for admission into the District and Synod were then officially received by the president of the District. After more election of delegates to the General Synod and hearing of committee reports, an address was given by Dr. Wm. Leech on the theme "An Adequate Church for a New Age."

The afternoon session was opened by a devotional service conducted by Dr. Paul Saleste of Mansfield on the theme "The Church and the Churches, Variety and Unity" Rev. 1: 9-20. Dr. T. Lehmann again addressed the conference on "The Synodical Kingdom Service Program." Discussion followed. Adjournment after prayer by Rev. F. H. Klemme.

C. C. Huprich, Secretary.

Approved:

Harry E. Pheiffer, Moderator and President.

MINUTES
of the
23rd CONFERENCE
of the
PACIFIC-NORTHWEST DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Zion Evangelical Church, Everett, Wash.
Rev. Chas. Warber, Pastor
April 15 to 17, 1936

Opening Service

The opening service of the special district conference of the Pacific Northwest District was held on Wednesday evening, April 15, in the Zion Evangelical Church of Everett. Rev. C. Warber, pastor loci, served at the altar. The address of welcome was given by Mr. Orlando Warber, president of the congregation, and replied to by Rev. P. Jueling of Tacoma, vice-president of the district. Rev. A. Beutenmueller brought the message of the evening (in which he availed himself of the historic liberty of conscience prevailing in the Evangelical Synod by not preaching upon the conference theme which had been recommended).

Thursday Morning, April 16, 1936

The morning devotions were led by Rev. P. Jueling. The meeting was officially called to order by Rev. C. Warber, president of the district, at 9:19 A. M. The credentials committee was thereupon called upon to report. Motion was made and seconded to give Rev. J. Berkenkamp, Walla, Walla, (Reformed) voice and vote at the conference. Carried. Motion made and seconded that credentials committee report be accepted. Carried. The following were given voice and vote:

Ministers: Chas. Warber, Everett; A. Beutenmueller, Payette; C. F. Howe, Portland; A. Hergert, Portland; A. E. Binder, Seattle; W. A. Werth, Spokane; P. Jueling, Tacoma; J. Berkenkamp, Walla Walla; C. Hoffman; F. Oppermann; I. Neumann, excused. *Delegates:* Mrs. Ray Juergens, St. Johns, Portland; J. D. Frank, Friedens, Walla Walla; Charlotte Mullenhoff, Zion, Gresham; Lorna Ohlhoff, Zion, Everett; Jacob Erdman, St. Paul, Portland; G. W. Gray, St. Paul, Seattle; Mrs. Effie Lone, Broadview, Seattle; Jacob Knauber, Trinity, Spokane.

Nominations for moderator were called for. Rev. A. Binder and Rev. P. Jueling were nominated. President Warber introduced Rev. F. C. Klick, D.D., President of the Evangelical Synod, who spoke

briefly and brought greetings from various districts and individuals. Mrs. McElroy of Seattle was introduced as member of the District Council. Motion was carried that the highest vote for moderator be declared elected and second highest vice-moderator. Rev. Binder was elected moderator with Rev. P. Juelsing vice-moderator. Motion made and seconded that program be adopted as presented. After slight changes by common consent it was carried. Greetings to the conference were read from Rev. E. Horstmann of Salem, Oregon. Motion carried that thanks be expressed. Motion carried that Rev. Klick be asked to convey District greetings to California District and others he may visit. Motion carried that the regular railroad rate be basis of equalization for lay delegates and clergy rate for ministers.

Next the District President's report was presented by Rev. Warber. After this the various reports on the Synodical boards were brought and resolutions referred to the Findings Committee. Motion was carried to resume regular conference program and afford opportunity for Rev. Klick to be heard at 3:30 P. M. At 11:50 closing devotions were led by Rev. C. H. Howe.

2:00 P. M. *Ministerial Conclave and laymen's meeting.*

2:30 P. M. *Committee Meetings.*

3:35 P. M. *Resumption of regular Conference Program.*

Continuation of reports. At 4 P. M. Rev. Klick spoke on the general program of the Synod and especially urged cooperation to liquidate the debt. 5:30 P. M., adjournment followed after some discussion of the debt situation.

Evening Service

The evening service was held at 7:45 P. M. with Rev. Binder presiding, Rev. Warber and Rev. Binder serving at the communion table, and Rev. Klick bringing the message of the evening. Inspiring and enjoyable music was rendered by the choir of Zions Church.

Friday Morning, April 17, 1936

The opening devotions were in the form of a memorial service led by Rev. F. C. Klick. The business session was opened with the Vice-Moderator Rev. Juelsing in the chair. Rev. Werth handed in his resignation as District Secretary which was accepted. A committee was thereupon appointed to bring in nominations for a new secretary. Mr. G. W. Gray made the report for the equalization committee. Motion carried to adopt it. The conference proceeded to ballot for General Conference delegates from among the ministers. On the fourth ballot, Rev. Binder was elected. Rev. Werth was elected alternate. Motion made and second that pastors suggest laymen who might serve as General Conference delegates. Carried, and various pastors presented names out of their respective memberships. Election gave Mrs. McElroy of St. Paul's Seattle, first place and Mr. J. D. Frank of Walla Walla as alternate. The nominating committee brought in its report submitting names to serve as District Secretary. Rev. C. F. Howe of Portland

was elected. Motion carried that upon Rev. Jueling's request his delegate be excused. 11:30, devotions in German by Rev. Howe. 11:45, resumption of program. 12 noon, adjournment for dinner.

2 P. M., resumption of conference program. Consideration of new constitution and by-laws. Motion carried to refer report on new judiciary to the proper committee at Headquarters for consideration. Motion carried that vice-president of District convey thanks of conference to pastor loci and wife as well as to the local congregation for generous entertainment and hospitality. Motion carried to convey thanks and \$5.00 to conference mimeographist. Thereupon the District officially installed the new Secretary into his office. Adjournment.

Report of Committee on District Reports

1. We endorse the following paragraphs of the Portland, Oregon, classes report on the constitution: No. 2, No. 3, No. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and especially Article 2, page 3.
2. We would recommend that 10 members be substituted for 12 in paragraph 4 of the classes report.
3. The Pacific Northwest District expresses heartfelt gratitude to the officers of the district for their faithful services and particularly to Rev. Warber for his faithful and self-denying service, especially in supplying the vacant churches.
4. The Pacific Northwest District urges all its church schools to take part in the E. L. T. S. and to subsidize their students if necessary.
5. We recommend that the cost of mailing district and general council minutes be prorated among the districts on the basis of membership.
6. We recommend that the churches be urged to contribute annually to the district revolving fund.

W. A. Werth, Secretary.

Approved:

Chas. Warber, President.

M I N U T E S
of the
38th CONFERENCE
of the
PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)

Held in

St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Marietta, Ohio
Rev. C. Emigholz, Pastor

April 24 to 27, 1936

The 38th Conference of the Pennsylvania District was held in St. Paul's Church, Marietta, Ohio, Rev. C. Emigholz, pastor, April 24-27, opening with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Four services of worship were held in which the following were speakers: Rev. H. L. Streich, "The Church Against the World"; Dr. Charles Zorbaugh, "The Church in the Living World"; Rev. H. L. Streich, "The Spiritual Foundation for Church Organization"; Rev. Wm. J. Hausmann, "Forward with Faith."

Two devotional meditations were given by Rev. H. Grunwald on "Forward by Way of Defeat," and "The Object of Our Faith."

In four business sessions the Conference completed a review of the Constitution as submitted in the preliminary draft. Numerous alterations are being suggested to the Committee on Constitution.

Among the resolutions adopted these may be of special interest:

1.) In order to strengthen the bond between the graduates of Eden and Central Seminaries and to nourish a vital interest in the merged institution, we are heartily in accord with the plan to launch an Alumni Association as proposed by our Board of Religious Education, the objects of which Association are to be the promotion of the Eden Seminary Convocation, the operation of a loan library for pastors, and the support of the new Eden Seminary Bulletin.

2.) The Pennsylvania District vigorously protests against the "Area" plan, as against every reference to it in the Constitution, as being contrary to the best traditions of the former Evangelical and Reformed Church and as being impractical and unduly expensive.

The election of delegates to the General Synod resulted as follows: Clergy, Rev. Otto W. Breuhaus; Laity, Mr. Herman A. Hundt. Alternates: Clergy, Rev. Wm. J. Hausmann; Laity, Mr. Ernest Lache.

A. F. Schemmer, Secretary.

John R. C. Haas, President and Moderator.

M I N U T E S
of the
7th CONFERENCE
of the
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
St. Paul's Evangelical Church, New Orleans, La.
Rev. R. F. Buck, Pastor
April 30 to May 4, 1936

*Conference Theme: "The Greater Task: A Challenge to
Our Membership"*

Conference Motto: "Every Member Kingdom-Minded"

Church Services

Thursday morning: "Holy Communion," Rev. F. Tschudy, Rev. Norman Stock, Liturgist.

Thursday evening: "Christ Controlled Membership," Rev. T. Mehl, Rev. R. F. Buck, Liturgist.

Friday evening: "Working for a New Community," Rev. G. Poth, Rev. J. S. Gohde, Liturgist.

Sunday morning: "Out of the Heart Come the Issues of Life," Rev. J. P. Meyer, Rev. R. F. Buck, Liturgist.

Sunday night: "The Secret of Life," Rev. J. P. Meyer, Rev. F. Tschudy, Liturgist.

Devotions

Rev. O. Laubengayer

"The Sustaining Work of God"

"Divine Resources for Effective Living"

"The Church, the Divine Resource for Effective Living"

"From Vision to Action"

"Christ's Measure for Church Membership"

Paper: "The Christian and the Social Problem," Rev. A. J. Scherer.

Organization

The Rev. F. C. Schweinfurth was elected Moderator.

Mr. E. C. Haddock, Vice-Moderator.

Elections

District Officers: President, Rev. J. P. Quinius; Vice-President, Rev. T. Mehl; Secretary, Rev. R. F. Buck; Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Eberhardt.

District Council: Rev. J. C. Rieger, Mr. W. A. Johnston, Mr. G. W. Mueller.

Home Mission Board: Rev. J. S. Gohde (4 years).

Delegates to the General Synod: Rev. F. C. Schweinfurth, delegate; Rev. L. Schweickhardt, alternate; Mr. Arthur Peters, delegate; Mr. A. W. Nolde, alternate.

Synodical Reports

Rev. R. Mernitz

1. Resolved that the Southern District advise its member churches of the desirability of making all budget payments on a monthly basis. Such action if universally adopted would save our Synod thousands of dollars interest yearly.

2. The Southern District believes that statistics should be figured on one common basis of membership, the number of all who have been admitted to the fellowship of the communion table and who still maintain that fellowship. We protest against making the budget assessment on that basis, the Southern District recommends that the budget be assigned on a percentage basis of the current receipts of the two years previous for operating expenses of the local church.

3. WHEREAS, a large portion of the rank and file of our people have greatly missed in the Messenger the interesting and helpful stories which they have formerly enjoyed in the Evangelical Herald, and

WHEREAS, it is a well known fact that the right kind of stories carry a strong educational influence in addition to the entertainment they afford to the general reader, and

WHEREAS, large numbers of our church constituency are more interested in the concrete portrayal of human life and its possibilities than in the abstract presentation of religious truth, and

WHEREAS, the weekly printed record of synodical budget receipts has value to the "E" group for inspiration and information, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern District conference go on record as recommending that the MESSENGER give regular space to such stories (short or serial) as will help effectively promote adult education, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the weekly report of the budget receipts of the "E" group be included as a regular weekly feature of the Messenger, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT much space for this purpose could be gained by omitting unimportant parochial news items which have interest only for a limited local constituency.

4. The Southern District instructs its President to appoint a District Commission on Christian Social Action, and

Be it further resolved that the Southern District call the attention of the Synodical Treasurer to the fact that the Commission on Christian Social Action should receive its proportionate share of the Synodical receipts.

The Committee on Equalization

Rev. H. Ritter

1. The committee recommends that the Back Bay congregation be excused from participation in the travelling expenses, and that the commissioned workers pay their own expenses.

Total expense for pastors, \$95.76; pro-rate, \$6.00.

Total expense for delegates, \$115.38; pro-rate, \$7.25.

Special Resolutions

Rev. F. Mehrtens

1. In appreciation of services rendered to the district and to the conference the Southern District votes its secretary the sum of \$10.00 and the janitor of St. Paul's congregation the sum of \$5.00.

2. The Southern District expresses thanks to St. Paul congregation, its pastor, Rev. R. F. Buck, choir, organists, Miss Martha Wegert, Mrs. Geo. W. Rees, Mrs. McDonnel, the culinary department which so splendidly ministered to the inner man, to those of St. Paul and other churches who opened their homes to the out of town pastors and delegates, also the guest speakers.

3. The Southern District expresses its sincere appreciation for the efficient way in which our Moderator served the conference. We wish to assure him that the results achieved in this conference were in no small measure due to his good judgment, tact and sense of discrimination.

4. The Southern District recommends that Alabama be included in the Southern Indiana Synod instead of in the Southern Synod.

5. Since the regular conference of the Southern District is to be held in the spring of 1937, and since we believe such a conference to be an unwarranted expense for the churches of our District, the Southern District respectfully petitions the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod to excuse it from calling a conference next year, or if such a conference is unavoidable, that the General Council subsidize the traveling expenses of all mission churches in the district.

6. In order that the splendid spirit of unity which was engendered by the inauguration of the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church may not languish, and

In order that the two branches of the church may not become oppressed with a false sense of the importance of superficial differences in their respective modes of operation;

THEREFORE, the Southern District urges that the responsible persons in both branches of the church now charged with the task of bringing the merger to actual consummation and with the duty of integrating the work of the corresponding denominational boards, bend every effort to authorize and actually establish the *work* of the united Church on a united basis.

It is the conviction of the Southern District that a prolonged dual organization is both contrary to the spirit of the merger as well as

detrimental to the effective conduct of the work of the church of Jesus Christ.

It is further the conviction of the Southern District that a satisfactory constitution is impossible of attainment in advance of our living and working together, and that such a constitution is rather the normal result of a serious attempt at and a mutually charitable experience in a common task undertaken in a spirit of forbearance and cooperation.

7. The Southern District instructs its delegates to the General Synod to defend the district's position that the consideration of a constitution for the united Church is at this time premature.

The minutes of these sessions were read and accepted as corrected. Following the roll call a motion was made that we adjourn. The Rev. Mr. T. Mehl offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully,

A. J. Scherer, Secretary.

Rev. F. C. Schweinfurth, Moderator.

Rev. J. P. Quinius, President.

M I N U T E S
of the
47th CONFERENCE
of the
SOUTH ILLINOIS DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Zion Evangelical Church, Millstadt, Ill.
Rev. A. E. Limper, Pastor
April 21 to 23, 1936

The conference of the South Illinois District was held in Millstadt, Illinois. Zion Church, Rev. A. E. Limper, was host and left nothing to be desired in the way of hospitality.

The opening service was held Tuesday evening, April 21st. Rev. Aug. Warskow delivered the sermon based on Matt. 16: 13-19. Rev. Wm. von Brauchitsch was in charge of the liturgical part of the service. Rev. Limper warmly welcomed the conference and Rev. Kluge, president of the district, responded in behalf of the conference.

In the service Wednesday evening, Rev. Clyde McNelly served at the altar and Prof. John Biegeleisen preached on Mark 4: 9.

Each conference day was opened with an excellent devotion. Tuesday morning the devotion was conducted by Rev. R. Krause and Wednesday morning by Rev. Karl Mueller.

Among our guests were the Rev. H. W. Dinkmeyer, who addressed the conference relative to the proposed constitution of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the Rev. H. L. Streich, who spoke on "Larger Kingdom Service." The venerable Brother John Nollau, emeritus, a member of our district for 52 years, was an honored guest.

During the conference the following brethren, graduates of Eden Seminary, were received into the Synod: The pastors Wm. Schweickhart, Henry W. Wichman, Raymond Frankenfeld, F. B. Tschudy, and Ralph Heller. Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, Belleville, Illinois, was also received into the Synod.

Most of the conference time was consumed by the study and discussion of the proposed constitution for the united church. It met with general favor and only a few minor changes were recommended.

Some of the more important resolutions adopted by the conference are:

- 1.) The district petitions the General Synod to retain the Church Extension Fund Board as separate from the Board of National Missions.

2.) The district is opposed to the extension of our synodical insurance to the property of the laity and recommends reconsideration of the matter at the General Synod.

3.) Appreciation of the services rendered by the District President and District Council.

4.) Appreciation for splendid hospitality on the part of Zion Church and its pastor in entertaining the conference.

5.) Welcoming the five graduates of Eden Seminary and the other brethren who came from other districts.

6.) Recognition of the services rendered by the retiring brethren, K. Doernenburg and K. Benkendoerfer.

7.) Sympathy to the families of pastors and laymen into whose ranks the Angel of Death entered.

8.) Appreciation of fine services rendered by the various speakers.

9.) Vote of thanks to the moderator, Rev. R. A. Mensendiek.

10.) Hearty endorsement of the program of the Kingdom Service Committee and commendation of the challenge in the message on Kingdom Service brought in the message of Rev. H. L. Streich.

Pastors elected as *delegates* to the *General Synod* are: C. H. Kluge, H. J. Bredehoeft, H. H. Wintermeyer, E. J. Westerbeck, and R. Kofer. Alternates: Otto Bassler, P. Schoppe, G. Friz, A. E. Limper and O. Brummer.

The *lay delegates* elected to represent the district at the General Synod are: Fred G. Rapp, H. Pfeiffer, J. C. Wetzel, A. C. Schneider and A. J. Mollman. Alternates: George Wirth, F. J. Oswald, J. F. Berger, O. F. Schoeck and Louis Koch.

The conference closed with prayer by the district president and the singing of the hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Paul E. Schoppe, Secretary

Approved by *Carl Kluge, President*.

M I N U T E S
of the
45th CONFERENCE
of the
TEXAS DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Zion Evangelical Church, Waco, Texas
Rev. C. Wolff, Pastor

April 27 to 30, 1936

Although this conference was especially called for discussion of the proposed new constitution and the election of delegates to the General Synod it is noteworthy that the emphases and interests of the conference pointed in the vitalities of the Christian faith as individually and socially creative.

The entire conference was built around the theme: "The Church Against the World." The keynote was sounded by the District President, Rev. O. A. Meyer, in the opening sermon in which he pointed out that the church must recognize the fronts of secularism and must struggle to regain the purity of its character as defined by the spiritual intensity of Jesus.

Four discussions volunteered viewpoints suggestive of the abundant application of the theme.

The address on "Making the Church Evangelistically True" by Rev. F. W. Schaefer grounded the thinking in a Christ-centered personal and Church life. From this foundation the thinking naturally led into, "Making the Church Educationally Sincere," which was presented by Rev. Bert Helm, as involving more exhaustive study in all departments of the church and expressing theoretical education in realistic action.

The motive for applied Christianity was clearly expressed by Rev. E. H. Schwengel in "Making the Church Morally Venturesome," pointing out that a relationship with God the Father makes possible a life with the grain of the structure of the universe, namely, love.

Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg carried the series of thoughts to their logical heights in developing the need of "Making the Church Spiritually Alive." Spiritual vitality was shown possible only by cultivating awareness of God. Faith as a vivid companionship with the personality of the Father-God revealed by Jesus.

Two further sermons conveyed inspiration and information. Rev. H. G. Borne speaking on "Meeting the Reality with the Ideal" affirmed the Creative values of robust faith in the Ideal. Jesus seeing the

Character of the Ideal in terms of love, not only announced that character but deified love, finding it adequate to mold reality into its own pattern.

The Rev. H. L. Streich led our thinking into the very practical of our obligations to wider Kingdom Work. Colorful pictures of our projects of at home and abroad were received with grateful interest.

An unscheduled privilege became ours in the appearance of Dr. Sherwood Eddy and his team-mates who chanced to be in Waco in the interest of the Emergency Peace Campaign. So vividly were the concerns of this campaign presented that the conference unanimously and gratefully voted wholehearted support.

Devotional moments were shared in three different points in the conference. At an early morning community service Rev. Robt. Mohr led a meditation into the mood of trustful harmony in relationship with the living Christ. The stubborn prides and spiritual self-deceptions that stand in the way of possible harmony were pointed out. Unconditional surrender of self being possible only in purity and self-denial.

A service commemorating the lives of Rev. C. Kniker, Mrs. Albert Dettmann, Mrs. A. Walton and Rev. G. A. Schmidt was held by Rev. Carl Mueller. To the loved ones mourning their loss the Texas District Conference calls: "Let your sorrow be a holy thing, the departed are among the truly living."

The third devotional, led by Rev. Paul Rahmeier, served as the closing fellowship period.

The proposed constitution for the merged church was thoroughly discussed and various recommendations were made to the committee on constitution.

The following resolutions are of general interest:

1. The Texas District recommends to the General Synod that the term of service of a pastor of a congregation, except as hereinafter provided, shall be six years. He may be reelected by the congregation subject to the approval of the placement committees, for not more than two succeeding terms, or eighteen consecutive years of service. (Note: This recommendation is in accordance with decisions of laymen's meetings of previous district conferences.)

2. In order that the splendid spirit of unity which was engendered by the inauguration of the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church may not languish, and

In order that the two branches of the church may not become oppressed with a false sense of the importance of superficial differences in their respective modes of operation,

THEREFORE, the Texas District urges that the responsible persons in both branches of the church now charged with the task of bringing the merger to actual consummation and with the duty of integrating the work of the corresponding denominational boards, bend every effort to authorize and actually establish the *work* of the united Church on a united basis.

It is the conviction of the Texas District that a prolonged dual organization is both contrary to the spirit of the merger as well as detrimental to the effective conduct of the work of the church of Jesus Christ.

It is further the conviction of the Texas District of the "E" group that a satisfactory constitution is impossible of attainment in advance of our living and working together, and that such a constitution is rather the normal result of a serious attempt at and a mutually charitable experience in a common task undertaken in a spirit of forbearance and cooperation.

3. The Texas District urges the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church to provide an adequate budget of at least \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for the Commission on Christian Social Action; to do the work of the commission, provided for in Article I, paragraph 112, of the by-laws of the constitution.

4. Resolved that the district authorities place programs of subsequent conferences, both district and regional, into the hands of the delegates and pastors at least two weeks prior to such conference dates.

5. WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Eden Home for the Aged has received an invitation from the Federation of Evangelical Charities for our Home to become a member of that Federation, and

WHEREAS by joining this Federation the Home would still contain its own autonomy while at the same time have permission to ask for support from the entire membership of the Synod and have representation by the Synod of this Federation of Evangelical Charities, and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Federated Charities is to awaken further interest in organized charity—the Board of Directors of the Eden Home for the Aged

THEREFORE proposes to our Texas District Conference that it go on record with a resolution to permit the Directors to accept the invitation of the Federation of Evangelical Charities to enter its ranks.

6. Having heard sponsors of the Emergency Peace Campaign present its program and objectives, and having read its promotional literature, be it resolved that the Texas District Conference endorse the Emergency Peace Campaign and recommend to individual churches and pastors finding ways of gearing in with this program.

7. The Lord and Father of all mankind having called to their reward the Rev. C. Kniker of Cibolo, Mrs. Adolf Walton of Burton, and Mrs. Albert Dettmann of West, the Texas District extends to their respective bereaved families their heartfelt condolence.

8. In the decease of the Rev. C. Kniker, the members of the Texas District realize that they have lost one of their most active and most indomitable workers in the cause of home missions and evangelization.

9. The Texas District hereby gives expression of appreciation to Rev. C. Wolff, Mrs. Wolff and their entire vital congregation for their cordial invitation to hold its conference in their midst and thanks all of them wholeheartedly for their exceeding gracious hospitality, splen-

did providence and royal entertainment. May God amply reward all of them with his abiding blessings.

10. The Texas District appreciates the work of its *Gemeindebote* Editor, Rev. J. Jaworski and hereby expresses its gratitude for his sacrificial service to the District.

11. All delegates shall bring before their local congregations suggestions presented with respect to the future of our Home for the Aged and each congregation shall express itself as to their views and preferences and definite financial support of such institution; and a committee shall be appointed to study the proposals of the congregations and present the recommendations at the next District conference for such action as may be deemed proper. (Rev. J. Jaworski was appointed chairman of the committee and is to appoint other committee members.)

12. The following recommendations of the Editor of the *Gemeindebote* were accepted.

1. Resolved that the *Gemeindebote* treasurer present to the District treasurer \$30.00; to the Diakonie Verein \$10.00 and to Home Missions \$10.00.

2. Resolved that pastors emeriti and pastors' widows of Texas receive the *Gemeindebote* gratis.

3. Resolved that pastors and laymembers who send in 20 or more subscriptions to the *Gemeindebote* shall receive their subscriptions gratis. However there can be only one agent in each church.

4. Resolved that, beginning with 1937 the subscription rate shall be as follows: 30c per subscription in packages and 40c per individual subscription.

The pastors, Ernst Press of San Angelo, and H. P. Baur of Clifton were received into the membership of the Synod.

It was voted to accept the invitation to hold the 1937 District Conference in the St. John's Church at Otto, Texas, Rev. F. Anderson, pastor.

The following delegates were elected to the General Synod: *Pastoral Delegates*: O. A. Meyer, Robt. Mohr, F. W. Schaefer; *Pastoral Alternates*: C. Wolff, H. G. Borne, R. F. Kuretsch. *Lay Delegates*: E. G. Hudel, C. W. Pfluger, W. F. Puls; *Lay Alternates*: R. L. Scheef, R. C. Malitz, J. Speckels.

In the closing devotion Rev. P. H. Rahmeyer fittingly summarized the emphases of the conference in pointing out the resources of religion which brings the comfort and peace of God as well as the challenge and tension in its conflict against the world.

R. F. Kuretsch, Secretary

O. A. Meyer, Moderator.

M I N U T E S
of the
44th CONFERENCE
of the
WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
Trinity Evangelical Church, Lexington, Mo.
Rev. D. C. Jensen, Pastor

April 21 to 24, 1936

The 44th conference of the West Missouri District was opened with a communion service at 2:30 P. M., at Trinity Church, Lexington, Mo., Rev. D. C. Jensen, Pastor, on Tuesday, April 21, 1936. The Rev. Wm. F. Esser and the Rev. Theo. Hauck conducted the service. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in committee work. At the divine worship at 8 P. M., on the evening of the first day, the Honorable Vice-President of the Evangelical Synod, Dr. Paul Press, brought the message, the Rev. Mr. Jensen had charge of the liturgical service and the welcome of Trinity Church was expressed by the president, C. F. Hiemeyer to which the President of the District, the Rev. Mr. Bierbaum, responded. The Rev. Mr. Niedermeyer conducted the devotional meetings each morning, and at the specified time in the program the Rev. Mr. Gabler conducted the Memorial Service at which occasion the Rev. Mr. Mueller paid tribute to the departed members of the clergy and laity.

The business session of the conference opened with 21 pastors, 30 representatives of churches, and 2 members of the District Council at large, present. The Rev. Mr. Bierbaum was elected Moderator and the Rev. Mr. Theo. Hauck was elected Vice Moderator. The Synodical Representative, Dr. Paul Press, presented the work and needs of the Synod. A special session of the lay representatives and the Ministerium was held at the close of the first day's session. The Rev. Mr. Otto Schroedel, Pastor of St. John's Church, at Florence, was received into membership of the Evangelical Synod.

The business of the conference dealt with the reports of Synodical officers and Boards and the various District reports, and the study of the proposed Constitution. The latter business required most of the conference time.

The following resolutions, based upon the various District reports were adopted:

The District endorses the sentiment of its President expressing

gratitude to our common Lord and Master for the blessings He has showered upon the District and upon the church at large, and invoking His guidance for the sessions of this 44th conference of the West Missouri District.

The District mourns the death of two of its Pastors, C. F. Sabrowsky and John Sauer and commends their respective families to the comforting grace of the Lord.

The District welcomes the Synodical Representative, Dr. P. Press, and renders a vote of thanks to him and all Pastors who have rendered services to the conference.

The District appreciates the hospitality of Trinity Church of Lexington, its Pastor and family, and authorizes the President to voice the gratitude of the District to our hosts at the proper time.

The District urges its churches and Pastors to give their whole-hearted support to the Mission Church in Kansas City.

The District notes with gratitude the increase, both in Budget receipts and special gifts, and urges all the churches to follow the example of the 16 raising their Budget in full.

The District appreciates the splendid work of the District Women's Union as evidenced by their annual report.

Upon the recommendation of the Ministerium the conference approved the Pastoral Conference to be held this fall.

Traveling expenses pro-rated among 29 Pastors and 33 delegates amounted to \$1.97. This amount was increased to \$2.00 and the surplus to go to the District treasury.

The Committee on Synodical Reports brought the following resolutions to the conference which were adopted:

The District urgently requests the General Council to grant the Board of Pension and Relief a larger share of the annual synodical Budget and instructs its representatives to the General Council to vote for such an increase.

The District is of the opinion that the Youth Program of the church is of more vital importance than our present allotment of \$1500 would indicate. We recommend a substantial increase.

The District is in fullest accord with the proposed plan of holding a national conference on Christian Education in the Evangelical and Reformed Church in June, 1937.

We are in sympathy with the attitude of the joint commission of Social Action of the Reformed Church and the Evangelical Synod as expressed in the pamphlet "Facing Our Social Responsibility."

We rejoice in the high standard of our new church periodical which resulted from the union of the three previous publications of the two branches of our church and urge that all members of the District become readers and subscribers.

We recommend the Synodical Boards for the splendid manner in which they have carried on their work on greatly reduced budgets. We are firmly of the opinion that they be supplied with more adequate funds and that we cease reducing their meager allowance.

The District recommends that the work begun and pursued by the Historical Commission of the Evangelical Synod, be continued and adequately provided for under the auspices of the united church.

We rejoice in the fact that the Men's and Women's organizations of our Synod are seeking a solution of our economic problems through study of these problems, and ask that a special study be made of the Rochdale Cooperatives.

The District endorses the reaffirmed policy and aim of the Board of Foreign Missions, i. e.

1. To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. To bring the individual to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ, as Savior, Redeemer and Lord.
3. To regenerate society by the application of the principles of Jesus to all phases of human relationships, namely, the spiritual, moral, social and economic.

We are indeed grateful for the excellent progress evidenced by our Women's Union during its 15 years of existence and especially in the last year.

The District is pleased to note the extension of the curriculum of Eden Seminary and asks that the field work of the Seminary be expanded.

Since more than 10 years of work among the students of the Evangelical churches of Missouri who are enrolled at our state university have fully convinced us of the worthwhileness of such efforts, we recommend that student work be carried on faithfully wherever there is a call or opportunity for such.

The following special resolutions were adopted:

1. Whereas a small debt still rests on the Student Chapel at Columbia, and whereas we are in accord with the sense of the Board of Directors that this debt could and should be liquidated at an early date, we recommend full support of efforts in this direction to all our congregations.
2. We recognize as proper the action of the Board of Directors of the Student Chapel, by which they increased the salary of the Student Pastor. We guarantee West Missouri's proportion of this increase and trust that our Sunday Schools and Young People's organizations will find pleasure in meeting the same.

The election of delegates to the General Synod resulted as follows:

Rev. J. C. Bierbaum, Rev. D. C. Jensen.

Alternates: Rev. F. Stoerker, Rev. E. F. Abele.

Lay-delegates: W. H. Buschmeyer, Arthur Hoefer.

Alternates: Carl Bosch, Mrs. E. W. Argo.

On Wednesday evening the conference enjoyed a musical service and social evening arranged by the entertaining church. On Thursday evening the closing worship service of the Conference was conducted. The Rev. E. F. Abele conducted the service and the Rev. F. Stoerker delivered the message. At this time the President of the District, the Rev. Bierbaum, expressed the thanks of the conference to our hosts.

All resolutions in reference to the proposed Constitution were sent to the Committee on Constitution as ordered.

The conference adjourned at 11:45 A. M., on Friday, after all business of the conference had been completed and the minutes had been read, with a closing prayer by the Rev. Mr. Lehmann.

E. F. Abele, Secretary.

Read and approved:

J. C. Bierbaum, Moderator and President.

M I N U T E S
of the
45th CONFERENCE
of the
WISCONSIN DISTRICT
of the
Evangelical Synod of North America
(Evangelical and Reformed Church)
Held in
St. Stephen's Evangelical Church, Merrill, Wis.
Rev. M. M. Schmidt, Pastor
April 20 to 22, 1936

The 45th conference of the Wisconsin District was held in St. Stephen's Evangelical Church, Merrill, Wisconsin, Rev. M. M. Schmidt, pastor.

The conference was opened on Monday, April 20th, at 1:30 P. M., with devotions led by the Rev. G. Kuecherer. The Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann, D.D., was elected moderator and Rev. Paul C. Kehle vice-moderator.

Synodical guests visiting the conference were the pastors J. P. Meyer, D.D., and F. R. Schreiber, both delivering their message at the evening service of the first day.

Six plenary sessions, a ministerial meeting, a meeting for the lay delegates, and two evening worship services with Holy Communion at the latter, comprised the routine of the conference.

The Rev. Edwin Becker and Christ Church of Rockfield, Wis., were received into membership of the Synod.

The following officers were re-elected for one more year: Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann, D.D., president; Rev. Paul C. Kehle, vice-president; Rev. Paul T. Bratzel, secretary, and Mr. Otto Grauer, treasurer. Elections were also held for the various committees where terms of office had expired or vacancies occurred.

Delegates elected to the General Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana: The pastors W. H. Schlinkmann, D.D., M. M. Schmidt, E. Grauer, E. J. Fleer, F. G. Ludwig. Alternates: Theo. Irion, Paul C. Kehle, Paul T. Bratzel, H. A. Crusius, Theo. P. Frohne.

Lay Delegates: Frank Boettcher, Paul Gebert, Sr., Wm. H. Buelow, Robert Wendt, C. A. Wiechering. Alternates: Fred Kienow, Arno Stange, Otto Berner, John Weckmueller, Thomas Thomsen.

Paul T. Bratzel, Secretary

Approved by *W. H. Schlinkmann*, President.

